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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Grassley, Sen. Feinstein, and Sen. Hassan,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 1475, the *Stop Pills That Kill Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Addressing the scourge of synthetic opioids, like illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances (FRS), is a top priority for the MCCA. Recently, there has been a significant uptick in counterfeit prescription pills laced with fentanyl, FRS, or methamphetamine. These pills are widely accessible as criminal drug networks sell them direct to consumers via social media or e-commerce platforms. S. 1475 will enhance law enforcement's ability to mitigate this threat. The legislation requires the DEA to develop and implement a response plan to address counterfeit fentanyl substances. It also updates existing drug enforcement statutes and adds a statutory definition for counterfeit fentanyl substances. These provisions will help ensure that the criminal drug networks manufacturing, distributing, and selling counterfeit pills can be held accountable.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support of law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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