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The Honorable Jasmine Crockett
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lance Gooden
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Crockett and Rep. Gooden,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 3563, the *STRIP Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances (FRS) represent a significant threat to American communities. Drug trafficking organizations routinely utilize these substances as cutting agents to make the drugs they produce cheaper and more potent. This has produced tens of thousands of accidental overdose deaths involving counterfeit pills and other drugs that the users did not know were laced with fentanyl or FRS.

Fentanyl testing strips allow individuals to determine if the drugs they plan to take include fentanyl or FRS. However, the possession and sale of these strips, with limited exceptions, is currently illegal under federal law. The *STRIP Act* will exempt these testing strips from federal drug paraphernalia laws, which will make them easier to acquire and help save lives and prevent overdoses. While this legislation will assist with mitigating the threat posed by fentanyl and FRS, Congress must also continue its efforts to address the underlying public safety and public health factors that helped create it.

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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Chief, Dallas Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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The Honorable Don Bacon

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