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The Honorable David P. Joyce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Abigail Davis Spanberger
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rep. Joyce, Rep. Spanberger, Sen. Brown, and Sen. Cotton,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 3148/S. 1507, the *POWER Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Cartels are increasingly using illicit fentanyl as a cutting agent to make the drugs they're producing cheaper and more potent. This has created a significant public safety threat since, according to the DEA, as little as two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal. It has also created an officer safety issue given how difficult it can be for officers to discern if the drugs they're encountering in the line of duty include these dangerous substances.

The *POWER Act* will help address this threat by creating a grant program to assist law enforcement with acquiring chemical screening devices and providing training on how to use these devices. This will allow officers to identify substances in the field so they can determine the best and safest course of action. The screening devices will also enable law enforcement to collect and process drug evidence more efficiently.

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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