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The Honorable Chris Pappas  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tony Gonzales  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rep. Pappas, Rep. Gonzales, Sen. Hassan, and Sen. Cornyn,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 3587/S. 1728, the *Dark Web Interdiction Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Criminals are increasingly utilizing the dark web to facilitate their operations. For example, the dark web allows drug dealers to sell drugs directly to consumers anonymously. This presents a significant challenge for law enforcement as this activity is more difficult to identify and interdict than other forms of drug trafficking. The *Dark Web Interdiction Act* will improve the ability of law enforcement to respond to this threat. The legislation will increase the criminal penalties for trafficking drugs via the dark web. This will establish a strong deterrent and help ensure that those who commit these crimes face serious consequences for their actions. The bill will also formally authorize the Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement (J-CODE) task force and strengthen J-CODE's important work coordinating efforts across international, federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to address this threat.

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,

Eddie Garcia  
Chief, Dallas Police Department  
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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