

MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jared Moskowitz United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Diaz-Balart and Rep. Moskowitz,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 1005, the *EAGLES Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Targeted acts of violence, such as school shootings, represent a significant public safety threat. An effective threat assessment process can help law enforcement or other entities intervene before violence occurs. The Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) has developed an evidence-based threat assessment process for responding to indicators of targeted violence. The NTAC, through its research, training, and consulting initiatives, lends its expertise and helps law enforcement and other stakeholders enhance their threat assessment capabilities.

The NTAC's services are in high demand. In FY 23, the NTAC has already provided a record high number of trainings and consultations to law enforcement and other public and private sector entities. The *EAGLES Act of 2023* will reauthorize the NTAC for another five years, ensuring this valuable work can continue. The bill also formally establishes a school safety initiative within the NTAC. This will be an important part of the multi-pronged approach to prevent future acts of violence at our schools.

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

Dear Sen. Grassley,

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