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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2214, the *FLAG Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

In states with extreme risk protection order (ERPO) laws, courts can temporarily restrict an individual's access to firearms if they are deemed a threat to themselves or others. The MCCA supports the use of ERPOs and believes they can enhance public safety. However, it is critical that ERPO laws also include strong due process protections and a straightforward process to reinstate the person's right to possess a firearm.

While MCCA members in states with ERPO laws have well-established programs to get guns out of volatile and dangerous settings, navigating the associated legal process can be complex. The grants included in the *FLAG Act* will help address this challenge by assisting ERPO petitioners with building legal capacity. This will directly assist law enforcement agencies as law enforcement agencies are eligible petitioners in most states with ERPO laws. Notably, these resources will only be used to support the implementation of laws that have already been enacted. This legislation does not create new ERPO laws or amend or expand existing ones in any way.

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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