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

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Tillis
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn, Senator Whitehouse, Senator Tillis, and Senator Coons,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2644, the *American Law Enforcement SAVER Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the course of their careers, it is not uncommon for law enforcement officers to encounter an individual who has sustained a life-threatening injury. Far too many law enforcement officers also sustain these injuries due to violence directed toward them. In these situations, a trauma kit is an essential piece of equipment. The supplies within these kits can be the difference between life and death. While law enforcement agencies would like to equip every officer with a trauma kit, they are quite costly, which may limit the ability of agencies to ensure that every officer can easily access one. S. 2644 will help address this challenge by expanding the permissible uses of Byrne JAG funding to include acquiring trauma kits. The standards for the trauma kits that can be obtained using these resources will be developed in consultation with local law enforcement. This will ensure that the approved kits meet the needs of officers in the field.

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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