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

The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons and Senator Wicker,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2313, the *Driving for Opportunity Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA firmly believes that suspending an individual's driver's license should not be based on their ability to pay a fee or fine. Instead, suspensions should result from engaging in behavior that represents a threat to public safety, such as impaired driving or excessive speeding. In fact, several MCCA member cities already have enacted laws that are aligned with this policy position.

Local law enforcement agencies have limited resources, so it is critical to ensure that these resources are directed toward those activities that will have the greatest impact on combatting crime and enhancing public safety. By encouraging states to eliminate driver's license suspensions for unpaid fines and fees, the *Driving for Opportunity Act of 2023* will help ensure that law enforcement's traffic-related operations can focus primarily on preventing dangerous behaviors. The bill will also help limit unnecessary law enforcement interactions with the public, especially members of disenfranchised communities.

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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