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

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

Dear Senator Coons and Senator Cornyn,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2681, the *Safer Supervision Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The *Safer Supervision Act of 2023* aligns with the MCCA's long-standing position that criminal justice reforms must provide relief to non-violent offenders while ensuring that repeat and violent offenders are held accountable. This bill will make several changes to the supervised release system to ensure it better strikes that balance. For example, the legislation requires the courts to conduct an individual risk assessment for each offender during sentencing to determine if supervised release is appropriate. It also establishes an early termination presumption for offenders who demonstrate good behavior, are not a threat to public safety, and have served at least 50% of their supervised release term.

S. 2681 also establishes important guardrails to ensure these reforms do not jeopardize public safety. This includes requiring offenders convicted of a crime of violence to serve at least two-thirds of their supervised release term before being eligible for early termination. The legislation also establishes specific criteria the court must consider when determining if an offender is a threat to public safety and, therefore, unsuitable for early termination.

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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Peel Region, Ontario
Toronto, Ontario
Vancouver, B.C.
Winnipeg, Manitoba
York Region, Ontario

CC: The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
The Honorable Mike Lee
The Honorable Cory A. Booker
The Honorable Thomas Tillis
The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
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The Honorable Wesley Hunt
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Hunt and Rep. Jackson Lee,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 5005, the *Safer Supervision Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

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