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The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Senator Menendez, Senator Lujan, Senator Heinrich, and Senator Whitehouse,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2061, the *Catalytic Converter Theft Task Force Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the past few years, MCCA members have responded to a sharp increase in thefts of auto parts that contain precious metals, such as catalytic converters. These incidents likely do not represent the full scope of this threat, as not every victim files a police report or submits an insurance claim after their catalytic converter is stolen. The *Catalytic Converter Theft Task Force Act* will help address the rise in catalytic converter thefts by developing recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and other policy solutions. Notably, the majority of the task force will be comprised of state and local law enforcement representatives. This will help ensure that the final recommendations account for the latest trends and challenges and support existing law enforcement efforts to combat catalytic converter theft.

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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Chief, Dallas Police Department  
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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