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Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Baldwin,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2567, the *Stop Computer Crimes Proliferation Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

As technology has become a more integral component of everyday life, MCCA members have seen an increase in cybercrime, such as identity theft, ransomware and malware attacks, and phishing schemes. MCCA members have also reported a rise in cyberenabled crime, where the internet or other technology is used to facilitate illicit activity.

A DOJ grant program was established in 2000 to assist state and local law enforcement with responding to computer crime. In recent years, MCCA members have used these grants to address intellectual property theft, which is often tied to larger criminal networks that use the proceeds from these crimes to fund additional criminal activity. However, the authorization for this grant program expired in 2013, although it has continued to receive appropriations. The *Stop CCP Act* will reauthorize this grant program through 2027, helping ensure that state and local law enforcement continue to have the resources and tools they need to combat computer crime.

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