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The Honorable Mike Levin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael Lawler
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Levin and Representative Lawler,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 2770, the *Prevent Family Fire Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA has long been an outspoken voice on the importance of responsible gun ownership. Part of being a responsible gun owner is ensuring one's firearms are safely stored. Failing to do so can result in unintended consequences. For example, it increases the risk of unintentional shootings, which far too often involve minors. MCCA members have also reported that thefts of unsecured firearms continue to rise. These stolen guns are often used to commit other crimes or sold on the black market, where they can end up in the hands of prohibited possessors or other dangerous individuals.

The *Prevent Family Fire Act* will promote safe storage by establishing a tax credit related to sales of safe storage devices. This will create a strong incentive for retailers to increase marketing and other efforts to bolster sales, helping get more safe storage devices into the hands of firearms owners. This legislation will serve as one component of the comprehensive approach the MCCA believes is necessary to expand safe storage. Congress should also strongly consider establishing federal safe storage requirements and ensure the proper policies are in place to enforce these requirements.

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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