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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Davis and Rep. Pascrell,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 4283, the *Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Communities throughout the country, especially in major cities, continue to experience elevated levels of gun violence. While local law enforcement continues to develop and implement new and innovative strategies to address this scourge, tackling this problem will undoubtedly require an influx of additional resources.

The *Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act* will raise the federal excise tax on firearms by .5%, generating between \$20-\$38 million for a new Gun Violence Prevention Trust Fund. It's important to note that this tax is levied against the manufacturer or importer, not the purchaser. Furthermore, transactions involving local law enforcement agencies are exempt from the tax. The Gun Violence Prevention Trust Fund will help bolster local law enforcement's ongoing efforts to combat rising gun violence. For example, this funding will be used to help train and certify forensic firearms examiners in local law enforcement agencies. This will help law enforcement agencies efficiently process new evidence, work through existing backlogs, and get critical investigative information into the hands of investigators more quickly.

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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