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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Blackburn,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 3104, the *Advanced Border Coordination Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The current situation at the southwest border has produced threats that extend into the interior of the United States. For example, cartels continue to engage in drug, human, and firearms trafficking that impact cities nationwide. While MCCA will continue to advocate for bipartisan solutions that properly balance the security, humanitarian, and other realities of the current situation, addressing the public safety-related challenges stemming from the border will require close cooperation between federal and local law enforcement. Unilateral action can produce unintended consequences.

The *Advanced Border Coordination Act* will promote collaboration between stakeholders at every level of government by creating Joint Operation Centers. These centers will build upon the success of similar efforts, such as fusion centers, and provide a single point of contact where federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies can coordinate and deconflict operations and provide other assistance as needed. Notably, the bill requires federal agencies to engage in robust information sharing with their state and local counterparts participating in these centers.

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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