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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Meehan
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Scott Rigell
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the 63 largest police departments in the Nation, I am writing to convey our strong support for the bipartisan Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2013.

Measures to prohibit straw purchasing and impose harsher penalties will impact both individual gun purchases as well as major trafficking operations. This is an important first step in what should be a comprehensive legislative strategy. Along with a prohibition on straw purchasing, we seek a universal background check, strengthening the national instant check system to include mental health information and a number of other critical measures that are long overdue.

We applaud your leadership and commend your current efforts. Chiefs and Sheriffs look forward to working with Congress to further develop comprehensive legislation. We stand with you to advocate the introduction of your bill, and we look forward to its enactment.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey
Philadelphia Police Department
President
Major Cities Chiefs Association