



Major County Sheriffs of America

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The Honorable Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis,

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), we write to you today in support of the *Protect and Serve Act*. MCSA is an association of elected Sheriffs representing the Nation's largest counties with populations of 500,000 people or more.

The *Protect and Serve Act* would create federal penalties for individuals who deliberately target local, state, or federal law enforcement officers with violence. This legislation is needed now more than ever to increase protections for officers against violent attacks.

We're currently mourning the loss of four law enforcement officers who were killed in a shooting while attempting to serve a warrant at a home in Charlotte, North Carolina earlier this week. Your legislation will ensure individuals who attack officers are held accountable and assist our efforts to deter further violence against law enforcement.

MCSA is prioritizing this legislation for advancement during National Police Week - a time when Congress can show its support of the nation's law enforcement officers who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving their communities. We thank you for your support of America's law enforcement on this issue, and we stand ready to support all efforts to advance this legislation as quickly as possible.

Very Respectfully,

Megan Noland  
Executive Director