



March 6, 2025

The Honorable John Rutherford
United States House of Representatives
1711 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rutherford:

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 a professional association representing the largest Sheriff's Offices in the country, serving over one-third of the U.S. population. Our membership includes Sheriff's Offices from counties with populations of 400,000 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.

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.

Respectfully,

Megan E. Noland
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Major County Sheriffs of America