



March 13, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), we write to you today in strong support of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) 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 HELPER Act would create a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make home ownership more accessible for first responders. Modeled after a successful VA home loan program, the program established by the HELPER Act would eliminate many barriers to first time homebuyers, such as a down payment and monthly mortgage insurance premiums.

Importantly, this program would make it easier for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and Pre-K schoolteachers to buy a home in the communities they serve. This would strengthen continued efforts to build trust between law enforcement and community members.

First responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving their communities. Passing the HELPER Act will give them access to affordable housing so they can provide for their families and continue to serve their communities.

MCSA stands ready to support all efforts to pass this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Megan Noland  
Executive Director