



May 7, 2026

The Honorable Andy Biggs
464 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Biggs:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), an organization which represents the largest Sheriff's Offices in the country, we write to express strong support for H.R. 8365, the Monitor Accountability Act of 2026. The court monitor industry currently operates with limited regulation and insufficient transparency, despite exercising significant influence over local law enforcement agencies and the scope, duration, and cost of federal oversight. This legislation introduces necessary accountability by establishing clear standards, enhanced oversight, and greater public visibility into a process that has too often lacked meaningful checks and balances. Notably, the language in this bill reflects principles outlined in a 2021 memorandum issued by then-Attorney General Merrick Garland under the administration of former President Joe Biden, underscoring a bipartisan foundation for these reforms.

By placing reasonable limits on fees, terms, and appointments, while requiring public reporting and opportunities for stakeholder input, this bill helps ensure that monitorships remain focused, efficient, and results-driven. These reforms will help prevent unnecessarily prolonged and costly consent decrees and court orders that impose substantial burdens on local agencies and the taxpayers who support them. At the same time, the legislation preserves the essential purpose of monitoring—achieving constitutional, sustainable compliance.

We believe this measure restores appropriate balance by promoting transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability in federal oversight. We respectfully urge Congress to advance and adopt the Monitor Accountability Act of 2026.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
MCSA President
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, FL