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The Honorable Andrew Garbarino
Chairman
House Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member
House Committee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairman Garbarino and Ranking Member Thompson:

On behalf of the undersigned state and local law enforcement organizations, we write to thank you for your leadership in advancing efforts to strengthen the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) and improve support for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners. We appreciate the Committee's decision to advance several of these reforms during this week's markup and its continued commitment to strengthening DHS's intelligence partnership with state and local stakeholders.

We commend the Committee's bipartisan effort to conduct a comprehensive review of I&A and its extensive engagement with fusion center leaders, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other homeland security stakeholders throughout this process. Committee leadership and staff devoted significant time to understanding the operational challenges facing SLTT partners and incorporating practitioner feedback into the development of these reforms.

Effective information sharing remains one of the federal government's most important homeland security responsibilities. Fusion centers, criminal intelligence units, and frontline law enforcement agencies rely on timely, actionable, and operationally relevant intelligence to identify emerging threats, support investigations, protect critical infrastructure, and safeguard communities. Ensuring that DHS I&A remains focused on supporting these operational partners is critical to the success of the homeland security enterprise.

We are particularly encouraged by H.R. 7443, the *I&A Mission Reorientation Act*, and H.R. 7773, the *Field Integration of Homeland Intelligence Act*. Together, these measures would reinforce I&A's operational mission of supporting SLTT partners by strengthening two-way information sharing, expanding forward-deployed and field-based intelligence capabilities, enhancing engagement with fusion centers, improving access to federal intelligence, and strengthening regional coordination and operational responsiveness. These priorities reflect many of the recommendations consistently raised by state and local stakeholders throughout the Committee's review process.

We also recognize the Committee's work on the *ELO Realignment and Strategic Engagement Reform Act* (H.R. 7574), which would reorganize DHS's Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office and strengthen coordination with law enforcement partners; the *National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program Reassignment and Funding Reform Act* (H.R. 7764), which would transfer the National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) program to the Office of State and Local Law Enforcement, helping ensure that DHS threat reporting and prevention efforts remain closely aligned with the needs of state and local partners; the *Special Events Program Alignment Act* (H.R. 8142), which would move DHS's Special Events Program to the Office of Situational Awareness; the *Modernizing and Improving the National Terrorism Advisory System Act* (H.R. 7448), which would establish clearer procedures for issuing and ending NTAS alerts; the *Department of Homeland Security Intelligence and Analysis Training Act* (H.R. 7436), which would codify standardized training requirements for I&A personnel; the *DHS Intelligence Transparency and Oversight Program Office and Ombuds Act* (H.R. 7435), which would strengthen transparency and oversight within I&A; and the *SAFE VISITS Act* (H.R. 7427), which would enhance threat assessments and information sharing regarding foreign visitors seeking access to state, local, tribal, and territorial officials and facilities.

Collectively, these reforms would strengthen DHS's partnership with state, local, tribal, and territorial stakeholders; improve threat reporting, analysis, and information sharing; enhance workforce development; reinforce transparency and accountability; and better align programs that support frontline public safety and homeland security operations.

We commend the Committee for its efforts to strengthen DHS I&A and encourage continued advancement of these reform initiatives. Taken together, these proposals reflect a thoughtful effort to improve information sharing, reinforce accountability, and ensure that I&A remains focused on providing timely, actionable, and operationally relevant intelligence to SLTT partners. Thank you for your leadership on these important issues and your continued commitment to strengthening the nation's information sharing environment and homeland security enterprise. We look forward to working with the Committee as these efforts move forward.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)