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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), I write to express our strong support for the *EAGLES Act* (S. 560) and urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to take up and advance this important bipartisan legislation.

MCSA represents the largest Sheriff's offices across the country. Our members are on the front lines of preventing targeted violence and protecting schools and communities. Their work depends on the ability to identify concerning behavior, assess potential threats, and intervene before violence occurs.

The *EAGLES Act* builds on lessons learned following the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and strengthens the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) to help prevent future acts of targeted violence. NTAC gives law enforcement and other public safety partners the tools and expertise to recognize warning signs, assess threats, and intervene before violence occurs.

The legislation would reauthorize and expand NTAC, increasing access to training and education, providing consultation to law enforcement on complex threat assessment cases, and expanding research to help improve how potential threats are identified and managed. It would also establish a national program focused on preventing targeted school violence and strengthen coordination and consultation with federal, state, and local law enforcement, schools, mental health professionals, and other public safety partners.

For Sheriffs, preventing targeted violence requires strong partnerships, timely information sharing, and the ability to act when warning signs emerge. The *EAGLES Act* will strengthen these capabilities and provide law enforcement and our partners with additional resources to help protect schools and communities.

MCSA strongly supports the *EAGLES Act* and respectfully urges the Committee to take up and advance this legislation.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support of state and local law enforcement.

Sincerely,

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