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MCSA Statement on Policing Reform Negotiations

The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) remains committed to working with our communities, Congress, and the Administration to improve policing practices across the United States.

MCSA is dedicated to ongoing work with Democrats and Republicans in Congress, the White House, and state legislatures on all policing and criminal justice reform issues. Our members began actively working on policing reform with the lead congressional negotiators when discussions began in mid-2020, and we continue these efforts, including sharing numerous draft proposals, providing feedback from the field, and garnering input from the communities we serve.

We will continue to engage on constructive measures that enhance public trust in law enforcement, protect public safety, and protect the safety and well-being of law enforcement officers. With violent crime surging in many of our counties, continued public demands for policing accountability, and growing challenges associated with law enforcement recruiting and retention in many parts of the country, we look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Biden Administration to develop policies that will help address these issues.

We thank Senators Scott and Booker and Representative Bass for their tireless efforts to develop comprehensive policing reform legislation. We remain dedicated to working with them and the Administration to improve public safety and public trust.

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Members of the MCSA represent over 120 million Americans in over 100 of our country's largest and most diverse counties. We provide policing and corrections services to the nation's largest metropolitan areas. Our members play a visible and uniquely impactful role in law enforcement and public safety.

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