



Major County Sheriffs of America Statement on the Justice Act

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The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) has reviewed the text of the JUSTICE Act and commends Senator Tim Scott for his leadership on this issue. The JUSTICE Act is an important piece of legislation that will lead to better policing, a fairer criminal justice system, greater trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve, and greater transparency regarding uses of force by and against law enforcement officers. MCSA looks forward to continuing to work with all members of Congress to ensure effective legislation is enacted that advances fairness, integrity, and accountability for all citizens of this great nation and for the law enforcement officers who are sworn to protect them.

MCSA members represent more than 120 million Americans in over 100 of our country's most populous and most diverse counties. Our members play a very visible and uniquely impactful role in law enforcement and corrections in the nation's largest metropolitan areas. We recognize that not all individuals feel equally protected by law enforcement and we are committed to helping change this. Our members understand and support the need for reforms that will enhance both public trust and public safety.

The JUSTICE Act would establish requirements that will no doubt be challenging to implement. But we recognize that this moment challenges all of us. The bill would provide resources to help all agencies develop and implement policies and collect data that will inform strategies for improvement.

As elected law enforcement leaders, MCSA members are accountable directly to the people of our communities. A critical part of our responsibility is to build trust through ongoing dialogue and community engagement, and we are committed to doing that every day.

Each day, members of MCSA offices work to make their communities better places to work and live in. Our sheriff's deputies and correctional officers work in a noble, diverse and service-oriented profession, and our members are committed partners in efforts to improve policing policies and practices.

We appreciate that Senator Scott and his colleagues have developed the JUSTICE Act with active engagement from a wide range of stakeholders including sheriffs, and look forward to continued engagement during this critical time for our profession.

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