



December 5, 2023

The Honorable J. Michael Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

We write on behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to urge you to reauthorize the *Undetectable Firearms Act* in the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The *Undetectable Firearms Act* is critical to public safety as it makes it unlawful to manufacture or possess any firearm that is not detectable by a walk-through metal detector or x-ray machine. Since passing in 1988, the Act has been reauthorized three times with strong bipartisan support. Lawmakers again illustrated the importance of maintaining this prohibition by reauthorizing the *Undetectable Firearms Act* through February 2, 2024, as part of the current continuing resolution.

The FY 2024 NDAA is the most appropriate vehicle for the *Undetectable Firearms Act* reauthorization because it contributes to our national security mission. It ensures our public safety officials maintain the ability to detect threats in the most highly targeted areas and secure facilities across the country.

Law enforcement officers rely on these security screening devices to keep the public safe and stop crime before it occurs. This tool will not be reliable if Congress allows the authorization to lapse.

We stand ready to support any efforts to advance this legislation as part of the FY 2024 NDAA. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Major Cities Chiefs Association
Major County Sheriffs of America