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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Harry Reid
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Reid, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

We write to register the strong support of the nation's mayors for quick passage of bipartisan legislation under consideration in Congress that would bring needed reforms to the criminal justice system.

Both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees have reported out important bills that would address decades of serious inequities in federal sentencing for certain drug offenders, target violent criminals, grant judges greater discretion at sentencing for lower-level drug crimes, apply the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 retroactively to all but those convicted of a serious violent felony. They also would reduce recidivism by helping federal prisoners successfully re-enter society – provisions that we believe are essential to meaningful justice reform.

We urge you to bring these bills to the floor as soon as possible so that we can achieve reforms in our criminal justice system this year.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is a bipartisan organization and we are especially pleased to be urging support of bipartisan legislation that addresses a critical problem in this country. This sorely needed legislation has broad support and is important to our cities, our residents, and our nation.

Sincerely,

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