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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
437 Russell Senate Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy

On behalf of The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation, we are writing to support your bill, the *Sentencing and Reform Corrections Act of 2015*. As the police executives, we see firsthand the urgent need to reform sentencing policies, reduce recidivism, and promote public safety by keeping the most dangerous prisoners off the streets.

Major Cities Chiefs have long been on the record in support of sentencing reform and reduction of recidivism. We have advocated for supervision and drug treatment upon release, to prevent offenders from returning to a life of crime. Our support has always been predicated on restrictions to prevent release of serious and violent offenders who prey upon the public we are sworn to protect.

We feel that this this legislation ensures that balance. It incorporates supervision and treatment provisions and it also restricts the releases of persons who pose a threat to the public.

We commend the Senate for its bipartisan work to safeguard the communities we serve. We look forward to our continued work with you to improve the safety of our Nation and ensure a comprehensive approach to sentencing reform.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Manger
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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association