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MCSA Supports Revised Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act

Since its original introduction in October 2015, the *Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act* has undergone substantive and meaningful changes. Through good faith negotiations from both sides of the aisle with the overall goal of public safety, MCSA now believes S. 2123 is a positive step towards addressing our criminal justice system's inadequacies.

The inclusion of the *National Criminal Justice Commission Act* is a watershed moment for the law enforcement community. For years, MCSA has advocated for the creation of a commission that would review the state of our criminal justice system, seek out areas of weakness and inefficiency and develop solutions that will help provide a strategic plan to combat crime and promote public safety.

"Our criminal justice systems faces a number of challenges, but it has been more than 50 years since we last conducted a top-to-bottom review to identify commonsense solutions that will promote fairness in our laws and strengthen faith in our criminal justice system," said Senator Gary Peters. "I'm pleased that the National Criminal Justice Commission Act is being included as part of the Senate's sentencing reform legislation, which will help ensure we are administering justice in a fair and equitable way. I'm honored to work with the civil rights community and law enforcement organizations like the Major County Sheriffs' Association to identify the changes we must make to improve public safety, strengthen relationships that will make our communities safer and help law enforcement do their jobs safely and effectively."

MCSA President Sheriff Hutchens said, "We are grateful to the broad group of sponsors and staff who have demonstrated their commitment to public safety, willingness to engage stakeholders in an open and transparent manner, and courage to tackle what is often seen as a politically divisive issue."

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