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The Honorable David Reichert
Subcommittee on Intelligence,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Reichert:

We are writing to express the thanks of the Major Cities Chiefs to you and Subcommittee Chair Jane Harman for all your work to strengthen intelligence and information sharing. In particular, we applaud your legislation and other measures that would clarify that there is no time limit on funding for positions at fusion centers. We agree with you and others in Congress that DHS erred by imposing the two and subsequently three year time limit on personnel funding.

We are grateful for the recent letter from the Committee regarding intelligence, local law enforcement and fusion centers. We hope leadership and the minority will agree to expand the scope of these efforts to address multiple obstacles contained in grant guidance.

Two weeks ago, the Major Cities Chiefs and the MCC Intelligence Commanders Group released our "Twelve Tenets to Prevent Crime and Terrorism". The Tenets are a comprehensive blueprint for change and set forth our agenda for homeland security. Four of the twelve directly address intelligence, information sharing and fusion. I've attached a copy of the Tenets for you.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Gil Kerlikowske
President

cc: Jane Harman, Chair