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MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS SUPPORT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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The Major Cities Chiefs Association today announced its support for the recommendations developed by the *Federal Interagency Law Enforcement Working Group*, the review of Federal assistance to law enforcement agencies ordered by President Obama. In response to the White House, the Chiefs considered ways to restructure the Federal program. The *Working Group* consulted extensively with the Chiefs, which represents the 67 largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies in the Nation, to ensure that recommendations support law enforcement needs and also promote a relationship of trust between police and communities they serve.

Equipment that protects the lives of the public and their police must continue to be available, but the Chiefs agreed that the Federal programs could be strengthened. The Chiefs noted that a number of listed military equipment items are either not required by police or not appropriate for law enforcement agencies. As Federal support to acquire law enforcement equipment for law enforcement is critical, the Chiefs have sought to continue these Federal programs with better policies, training and procedures to maintain public trust.

Chief Thomas Manger, President of the Major Cities Chiefs and Montgomery County, MD Chief of Police said, “These recommendations, developed in consultation with law enforcement, ensure that we can acquire and utilize needed equipment in a manner that ensures transparency and maintains public confidence.” He added, “We thank the White House for the opportunity to provide input into these recommendations and for the Working Group members for incorporating our ideas and concerns into this document.”

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Major Cities Chiefs Association is a professional association of Chiefs and Sheriffs representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. MCC membership is comprised of Chiefs and Sheriffs of the 67 largest law enforcement agencies in the United States, 8 largest in Canada, and 3 in the United Kingdom who share ideas and innovation for urban policing. They serve over 97 million people (75.74 US, 9.73 Canada and 11.93 United Kingdom).