



## Major County Sheriffs of America

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The Honorable John Rutherford  
U.S. House of Representatives  
230 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rutherford,

As Vice Presidents of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) in charge of Homeland Security and Government Affairs, we write to you in support of H.R. 2471, the *Terrorist Release Announcements to Counter Extremist Recidivism (TRACER) Act*. The MCSA is an association of elected sheriffs representing our nation's largest counties with populations of 500,000 people or more. Collectively, the MCSA represents more than 100 million Americans and as such, we are acutely aware of the security challenges facing our nation.

The current threat environment cannot be underestimated. The nature of violence in America and around the world has evolved and we need to do our due diligence to secure the homeland. The *TRACER Act* would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to release information related to the release of individuals convicted of federal terrorism charges to fusion centers and other relevant law enforcement entities. Local law enforcement officials across the country are tasked with keeping every community member safe. They are the first group to respond to areas in times of emergency, with the responsibility to act quickly and effectively in times of terror and uncertainty. The local police need this information as soon as it becomes available.

We greatly appreciate your leadership as well as that of Chairman McCaul and we thank you and your staff for working collaboratively with the MCSA. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Very Respectfully,

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