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The Honorable Gary Peters
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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The Honorable John Cornyn
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Dear Senators Peters, Cornyn, and Graham:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong support for the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2017. This legislation, once enacted, will allow for a long overdue comprehensive examination and report on the state of law enforcement and criminal justice in the United States.

For more than 20 years, the IACP has advocated for the creation of a commission that would follow in the footsteps of the 1965 Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. The work of that commission and the 200 recommendations it produced marked the beginning of a change in our methods for dealing with crime and the public and built the framework for many highly effective law enforcement and public safety initiatives that have been in place for the last 40 years.

The bipartisan commission that will be established by the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2017 embraces the same mission as the 1965 commission. As clearly set forth in the legislation, the commission is tasked with conducting a comprehensive examination of all aspects of the criminal justice system including, but not limited to, the prevention, deterrence, and reduction of crime and violence; reducing recidivism; improving cost-effectiveness; and reviewing the criminal justice costs, practices, and policies.

In conducting this critical review, the commission will have the opportunity to examine and develop recommendations addressing a broad range of new and emerging challenges that confront not only law enforcement today, but also the entire criminal justice community.

It is for these reasons that the IACP believes it is imperative that this legislation be approved in a timely fashion. For far too long, our nation's law enforcement and criminal justice system has lacked a strategic plan that will guide an integrated public safety and homeland security effort in the years ahead.

On behalf of our nation's law enforcement executives, we applaud you for introducing this important legislation. The IACP looks forward to working you and members of Congress to ensure enactment of the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2017.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. De Lucca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" being the most prominent.

Donald W. De Lucca
President