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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) I am writing to express our strong support for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Improvements Act of 2014.

Since its inception, law enforcement agencies across the nation have relied on the COPS Office Programs to expand and supplement their law enforcement capabilities. The COPS Office Programs help provide our law enforcement officers with the necessary resources to enhance public safety in our communities and to protect our homeland.

This legislation would fund critical programs to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking; to combat gun trafficking and reduce gang violence; to hire school resource officers and to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems to combat crime, gangs, drug activities; to hire or rehire career law enforcement officers; and for the recruitment of inactive military personnel to pursue the law enforcement profession.

The COPS Office Programs are a valuable and critical resource to the state, tribal, and local law enforcement community. By reauthorizing funding for this program through fiscal year 2019, Congress will significantly strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies to combat crime and violence in our communities.

On behalf of our nation's law enforcement executives, we applaud you for introducing this important legislation. The IACP stands ready to assist you as we continue to work together on issues of importance to the law enforcement field and our communities.

Sincerely,

Chief Yousry Zakhary  
President