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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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The Honorable Richard Burr
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The Honorable Marco Rubio
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
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Dear Senators Feinstein, Burr, Rubio, and Nelson:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong support for the Requiring Reporting of Online Terrorist Activity Act, S. 2372.

As access to the internet continues to spread, more people own internet-enabled devices, and as the use of social media proliferates, people are spending more time online, consuming content from a variety of sources and creating virtual communities.

Unfortunately, social media has also provided terrorists and radical recruiters with a more fertile ground for recruitment and more opportunities to interact with people who would not otherwise be reachable by conventional means. Terrorists, violent extremists and criminal organizations are also exploiting this easy access to reach an increasingly broad cross-section of individuals to recruit, groom, and facilitate radicalization to violence.

The Requiring Reporting of Online Terrorist Activity Act would require that if companies become aware of terrorist activity such as attack planning, recruitment or distribution of terrorist material, they must report that information to law enforcement. This common-sense legislation, would not require companies to monitor customers or undertake any additional action to turn up terrorist activity, but

would simply ensure that if terrorist activity or content was noticed by companies, they report that information to law enforcement.

This legislation will aid law enforcement as we work to keep our nation safe from acts of terrorism.

On behalf of our over 25,000 members, we applaud you for introducing this important legislation. The IACP looks forward to working with you to ensure the enactment of the Requiring Reporting of Online Terrorist Activity Act.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue and your support for the law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Terrence Cunningham
President
International Association of Chiefs of Police