



May 7, 2019

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Senator Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Senator Leahy,

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our strong support for the *Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization*. This bill would permanently reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program and would increase the overall funding amount from \$25 million to \$30 million, supporting law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests for their officers.

Since its inception, the BVP Grant Program has been a critical resource for state and local law enforcement and has enabled the purchase of more than 1.3 million vests for law enforcement officers throughout the United States.

Legislation to permanently reauthorize the BVP Grant Program demonstrates a commitment by the federal government to the safety of state and local law enforcement.

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 important to the law enforcement field and our communities.

Sincerely,

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