



August 6, 2019

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

Dear Chairman Graham,

On behalf of the membership of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our support for the Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act of 2019 (S. 1788).

According to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), more than 31,500 firearms have been stolen from Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) in burglaries and robberies over the last five years – more than 8,129 in 2017 alone. This represents a 70 percent increase in the number of FFL burglaries and a 266 percent increase in the number of FFL robberies from 2013 to 2017.

These stolen firearms invariably turn up in other crimes and present a real threat to the public and to law enforcement. Your legislation would help deter these crimes and ensure that those who are convicted of these crimes face serious penalties by increasing the statutory maximum penalty and imposing a mandatory minimum penalty.

I commend the introduction of this important legislation, and I thank you for your commitment to enhancing public safety. The IACP stands ready to assist you as we continue to work together on issues important to policing and our communities.

Sincerely,

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