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Dear Chief Executive:

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, working with RTI International and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), is fielding the 2018 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (CSLLEA). Conducted periodically since 1986, the CSLLEA is the only systematic, national-level data collection providing a complete enumeration of publicly-funded law enforcement agencies in the U.S.

**Recognizing the importance of this work, the nation’s law enforcement community as represented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) provide their full support of these efforts.** These organizations recognize the importance of this national data collection and encourage their members and other law enforcement agency professionals to participate.

Your participation will help ensure that the 2018 CSLLEA is a success and that the results can be used by law enforcement, policy-makers, and researchers with confidence. We know that your staff have many responsibilities and limited time, but we hope that you will provide the requested information and contribute to this effort. No other data collection provides such a complete accounting of the functions and personnel of law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this important study.

Sincerely,

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International Association of Chiefs of Police

Chief (Ret.) Richard W. Myers, Executive Director  
Major Cities Chiefs Association

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