



September 8, 2015

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress
2230 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Cummings,

On behalf of more than 300 police chiefs the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association represents, we strongly support the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015. It's a commonsense effort to keep guns out of the hands of those who cannot legally possess or purchase a gun.

Gun violence in our communities and guns used in recent assaults against police officers is a serious public safety threat. While this legislation won't stop all gun violence, it takes a tough stance in protecting our towns from criminals who take advantage of loop holes in current gun laws.

We strongly support the bill's enhanced penalties for the heads of gun trafficking networks and so called "straw purchasers."

The legislation's narrow focus also ensures that Minnesota's law abiding gun owners maintain their Second Amendment protections.

Sincerely,

Andy Skoogman
Executive Director
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association