



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Congressman Gus Bilirakis
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bilirakis ,

On behalf of The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the 66 largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation, I am writing to voice support for your bill H.R. 3392, "the Medicare Part D Patient Safety and Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2013." This bill will provide the authority to enact effective fraud prevention and information sharing practices which are important measures in the fight to regulate dangerous medications and prevent prescription drug abuse.

Studies show that after marijuana, prescription drugs are the most commonly abused substance by Americans 14 and older. Our officers see the real life impact of this abuse everyday as they patrol the streets of the communities we are sworn to protect. By establishing safe pharmacy access programs, the ability to suspend payments pending investigation of fraud allegations, and increased electronic monitoring this legislation will provide strong Nation-wide tools to combat a trend that is destroying lives throughout the country.

We value your leadership on this issue and all that you do to support the enforcement of our Nation's laws. We appreciate the chance to be a part of this important conversation and look forward to swift action by your colleagues in the House to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Ramsey
Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs

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