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STATEMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD, CHIEF JIM JOHNSON, CHAIR, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, ON ADS PURPORTING TO REPRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT

"The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence (the Partnership) — an alliance of nine of the nation's law enforcement leadership organizations — strongly supports expanding background checks to all transaction points to ensure that criminals and other dangerous people are not able to access firearms. In addition to background checks, Partner groups are pressing for other measures that will help to reduce gun violence including a ban on assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines.

Only law enforcement speaks for law enforcement. We hope that members of Congress will listen directly to law enforcement and not those who purport to represent us but do not. Today, we urge Senators to back law enforcement and the overwhelming majority of Americans who support background checks by voting for the Manchin-Toomey amendment. Lives depend on it."

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)  
Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA)  
International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)  
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)  
Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC)  
National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE)  
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)  
Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)  
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