October 30, 2007

The Honorable Frances Fragos Townsend
Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs from the Nation’s major metropolitan regions have worked closely with the Administration to complete the “National Strategy for Information Sharing: Successes and Challenges in Improving Terrorism-Related Information Sharing”.

We thank you for recognizing the vital role of state and local law enforcement in the prevention and interdiction of terrorism, and we commend your efforts to include our input during the development of the strategy document. Our partnership with Federal agencies will be strengthened and our involvement in the planned process will ensure that information is shared when and where it is needed most – to protect the communities we serve.

We pledge our full support and commit to work with the Administration on implementation of this long-awaited strategy. As you are aware, we have assigned hundreds of personnel to fusion centers across the Nation and we look forward to working with the White House on sustaining these new centers. The process for sharing timely threat information will enable those who serve on the front lines to take appropriate measures to prevent another attack on the American homeland.

The National Strategy will foster an unprecedented alliance between Federal, state and local agencies because it raises information sharing to a higher level than ever before possible. Chiefs and Sheriffs will now join with you to implement its provisions and turn this critical document into reality.

Please call upon us in the coming months and know that we are grateful to have served as equal partners in this effort.

Very truly yours,

Darrel Stephens,
President