



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
522 Hart Office Bldg.  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
235 Cannon Office Bldg.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs, I am writing to express our strong opposition to S. 845 and H.R. 1620, the Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009. Because we are responsible for public safety in the largest jurisdictions in the United States, we recognize that this legislation would be an enormous mistake.

This misguided legislation would undermine efforts by law enforcement agencies across the Nation and thwart measures already enacted by the states. Please know that we stand with the more than 400 Mayors who have objected to this ill-conceived proposal.

An oversimplification of carefully reasoned standards and licensing provisions, the proposed measure would arbitrarily overturn laws which have been tailored to the needs of regions and local communities. Passage of this legislation would be an affront to Federalism as it would force a state to accept permits from other jurisdictions - whether or not the permits comport with the laws of that state.

We are confident that members of Congress will respect the authority of states, counties and cities to adopt their own regulations regarding weapons and will not act with disregard for the many reasonable and prudent laws already in place across the Nation.

Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs call upon you to vote against this dangerous and unconstitutional legislation.

All the best,

William J. Bratton  
Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California  
President, Major Cities Chiefs' Association