



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Candice Miller
U.S. House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Miller:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and the more than 3,000 sheriffs nationwide, I write thank you for your recent Op-ed for *The Voice* opposing the recall of military surplus equipment from state and local law enforcement agencies from across the country. As you so accurately noted, "local law enforcement is and will remain our first line of defense against senseless violence." Tragically, such violence will continue to touch our communities and, without this equipment, local law enforcement agencies will be less prepared to respond.

The recall of this equipment is little more than partisan theater, undermining the difficult work of law enforcement to score political points. I appreciate your support of and efforts on behalf of law enforcement at this critical time. I hope that you'll continue as their voice in the halls of Congress. If there is any assistance you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan F. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jonathan F. Thompson