



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide, I write to you today to express my strongest support for H.R. 4038, the "American SAFE Act of 2015." As the bill has passed the House and now moves to the Senate, I hope that you will make this legislation a high priority and put it before the entire Senate for consideration as soon as practicable.

As the chief law enforcement officers for their jurisdictions, sheriffs are charged with ensuring the safety and security of their communities. In light of recent events in Paris, I believe it is prudent to take a pause in opening our borders to political refugees. This legislation accommodates this need by requiring the FBI to perform a thorough background check prior to an individual entering our country. On behalf of the NSA, I support this bill and consider it a critical element of responsible democratic governance.

In closing, I look forward to working with you on H.R. 4038, the "American SAFE Act of 2015," and on many other important issues in the 114th Congress. If you, or any other Senators, have any questions or concerns regarding this Act as it relates to the sheriffs' ability to ensure the safety of our communities, 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