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Major Cities Chiefs Applaud Attorney General's Announcement on Civil Asset Forfeiture

**Remarks delivered at the U.S Department of Justice by Chief J. Thomas Manger,
Montgomery County Police, MD - President, Major Cities Chiefs**

I serve as President of the Major Cities Chiefs, and today represent the largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation. Today's announcement by the Attorney General is of critical importance to us, because major urban areas suffer the most from the crimes by international cartels and drug traffickers - that means we have the most at stake in our Nation's struggle with crime and violence.

Civil asset forfeiture and the Equitable Sharing Program here at the Department of Justice are invaluable tools for local police, because these programs seize the funds and resources of domestic and international criminals who prey upon the public.

We are grateful that the new Administration has taken a fresh look at the importance of asset forfeiture and has restored this vital program to become effective once again.

By adopting asset forfeiture cases, the Department of Justice provides support and assistance that makes an enormous difference for local agencies. This program will inflict a decisive blow to the cartels by taking from them the profits that drive their criminal enterprises.

On behalf of the major cities of the Nation, we commend Attorney General Jeff Sessions for his leadership and we are grateful for today's announcement. It represents the strong and effective partnership between Federal, State and local agencies.

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