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Man Up Crusade  
P.O. Box 1922  
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Re: Testimony in Support of the Man Up Crusade

Dear Executive Director Donahue,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA), representing the 14 Sheriffs in the Commonwealth, I am writing in my capacity as the Executive Director of the MSA to present our Association's unanimous support of the Man Up Crusade. In doing so, the Massachusetts Sheriffs recognize the important role the nonprofit plays in bringing awareness to domestic violence, an epidemic in our nation.

National statistics show that "...every 9 seconds a woman is battered in the United States; one (1) in four (4) women and one (1) in seven (7) men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and on average, more than three (3) women and one (1) man are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day". We find those statistics alarming and are committed in addressing domestic violence in our communities.

The Sheriffs applaud your commitment in taking a stand and breaking the cycle of domestic violence. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Respectfully,

Carrie Hill, Executive Director

Cc: Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi, President  
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