



April 8, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: S. 1306 (Klobuchar) COPS Reauthorization Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our support for S. 1306, the COPS Reauthorization Act, and respectfully request that you support the legislation.

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Mayor

MARK STAPP  
Vice Mayor

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Santa Rosa's Police Department (SRPD) has worked closely with the COPS Office on gun violence reduction and innovative efforts to address the concerns of our community. The Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) has established an operational priority of violence reduction.

In 2023, Santa Rosa has confronted concerning statistics, comprising 189 arrests related to firearms, the investigation of 361 reported incidents involving the discharge of gunshots within the city, and the tragic occurrence of 10 homicides. Additionally, law enforcement efforts have led to the confiscation of 255 illegal firearms during criminal investigations, encompassing 55 ghost guns.

Last year, with the COPS Office's support, Santa Rosa was able to create a Homeless Outreach Team within our Downtown Enforcement Team. The funding allows SRPD to partner with community organizations, including Catholic Charities and local businesses groups such as the Historical Railroad Square Association and Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce to develop strategies for addressing homelessness and promoting positive community engagement. SRPD is already seeing improvements within our downtown using the critical funds the COPS Office provided.

The funding provided by the COPS Office is crucial to helping Santa Rosa implement equitable community policing strategies that not only bolster community safety but continues to rebuild community trust. We need federal support now more than ever to ensure we are keeping our community protected. Reauthorizing and robustly funding the COPS Office through 2029 will enable our City to obtain further public safety investments.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers  
Mayor