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MBA PRAISES GOV. DEVAL PATRICK FOR RE-ESTABLISHING THE ANTI-CRIME COUNCIL

BOSTON, Mass. — Massachusetts Bar Association President Mark Mason today praised Gov. Deval Patrick for re-establishing the Governor's Anti-Crime Council.

Mason said, "Crime remains, especially in our urban areas, one of the most important problems facing the Commonwealth. I am hopeful that the Governor's Anti-Crime Council will take a fresh look at ways to be smart on crime to reduce the costs to society."

Mason also thanked Gov. Patrick for including the Massachusetts Bar Association representation in the new Anti-Crime Council. Lee Gartenberg, chair of the MBA's Criminal Law Section Council, will serve as a council member.

Mason said, "Mr. Gartenberg's expertise on criminal law and policy and he will serve well this important council, as it strategizes to thwart criminal activity in the city."

Mason added that he hopes criminal sentencing policies will be a central focus of the newly established council.

Incorporated in 1911, the Massachusetts Bar Association is a non-profit organization that serves the legal profession and the public by promoting the administration of justice, legal education, professional excellence and respect for the law. The MBA represents a diverse group of attorneys, judges and legal professionals across the commonwealth.