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MA Police Leaders Pen Letter Supporting ShotSpotter's Accuracy, Effectiveness and Value

Summary: *Leading public safety technology company, SoundThinking, Inc., shared an open letter from 11 Massachusetts law enforcement leaders supporting the accuracy, effectiveness and value of ShotSpotter technology against recent misleading assertions by four members of Congress.*

BOSTON, July 02, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [SoundThinking, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: SSTI) (formerly ShotSpotter, Inc.), a leading public safety technology company, today announced the publication of an open public letter of support for ShotSpotter technology prepared in coordination with SoundThinking and signed by top law enforcement officials from 11 Massachusetts communities and a SoundThinking director. This letter addresses recent misinformation about ShotSpotter acoustic gunshot detection technology contained in a May 14, 2024 letter from Senators Ed Markey (MA), Elizabeth Warren (MA), Ron Wyden (OR), and Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA) to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Inspector General.

The letter to the Congressional delegation states:

“We believe you have been misinformed and this formed the basis of your May 14 letter – a letter that draws misleading and, frankly, dangerous conclusions that compromise public safety.”

The letter continues:

“Let us be clear: ShotSpotter is effective, accurate, and welcomed in our communities, and has the proven capability to save lives and help us effectively respond to gun violence.”

And finally:

“We respectfully submit that the best judges of the efficacy, fairness, and value of ShotSpotter are not distant elected officials in Washington, but, rather, those of us on the ground locally, including our fellow civic and community leaders who live daily with the threat of gun violence and who rightfully welcome the use of this technology to help keep their neighborhoods safe.”

The letter is signed by:

Commissioner Michael Cox, Boston
Commissioner Christine Elow, Cambridge
Chief David Callahan, Revere
Chief Paul Strong, Everett

Chief Keith Houghton, Chelsea
 Chief Paul Oliveira, New Bedford
 Chief David Pratt, Holyoke
 Superintendent Lawrence Akers, Springfield
 Interim Chief Paul Saucier, Worcester
 Capt. Matt Hill on behalf of Chief Thomas Dawley, Pittsfield
 Provisional Chief Melix Bonilla, Lawrence
 William J. Bratton, Former Police Commissioner, Boston PD; Former Police Commissioner, NYPD; Former LAPD Chief of Police

Read the full letter [here](#) or below:

An Open Letter to Senators Elizabeth Warren (MA), Ed Markey (MA), Ron Wyden (OR) and Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA)

ShotSpotter Saves Lives: Local MA Chiefs Support Gunshot Detection for Public Safety

Dear Senators Markey, Warren, Wyden and Rep. Pressley:

As the top law enforcement officials in 11 Massachusetts communities - responsible for the safety of well over one million Massachusetts residents - we write to correct the misleading and false information about the ShotSpotter acoustic gunshot detection technology that has been amplified recently by the Massachusetts chapter of the ACLU. We are writing to you because your May 14, 2024, letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Inspector General unfortunately included this information.

We believe you have been misinformed and this formed the basis of your May 14 letter - a letter that draws misleading and, frankly, dangerous conclusions that compromise public safety.


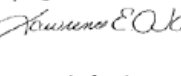

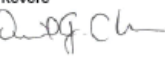
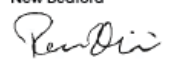
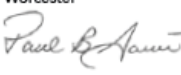

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ShotSpotter helps our officers respond quickly to shooting incidents. Indeed, the system alerts us to gunfire in our coverage areas within 60 seconds, increasing our ability to save victims' lives, collect evidence, and locate and arrest assailants. When every second matters, the immediacy of that information is crucial to responding patrols.

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Finally, our colleagues take a sworn oath to serve and protect all - efficiently, effectively and equitably. We can all agree that gun violence is a particularly intractable and costly issue especially when viewed through the lens of victims. As a profession, we are compelled to leverage all the tools at our disposal, including gunshot detection, to address this challenging issue.

Respectfully,

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The letter accompanying this announcement is available at <https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/8c446406-9477-4e39-a4fb-8ab243b349d1>

About SoundThinking

SoundThinking, Inc. (Nasdaq: SSTI) is a leading public safety technology company that delivers AI- and data-driven solutions for law enforcement, civic leadership, and security professionals. SoundThinking is trusted by approximately 250 customers and has worked with over 2,000 agencies to drive more efficient, effective, and equitable public safety outcomes. The company's SafetySmart™ platform includes ShotSpotter®, the leading acoustic gunshot detection system; CrimeTracer™, the foremost law enforcement search engine; CaseBuilder™, a one-stop investigation management system; ResourceRouter™, software that directs patrol and community anti-violence resources to help maximize their impact; and SafePointe®, a next-generation concealed weapons detection system. SoundThinking has been designated a Great Place to Work® Company.

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