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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.](https://www.soundthinking.com) (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:

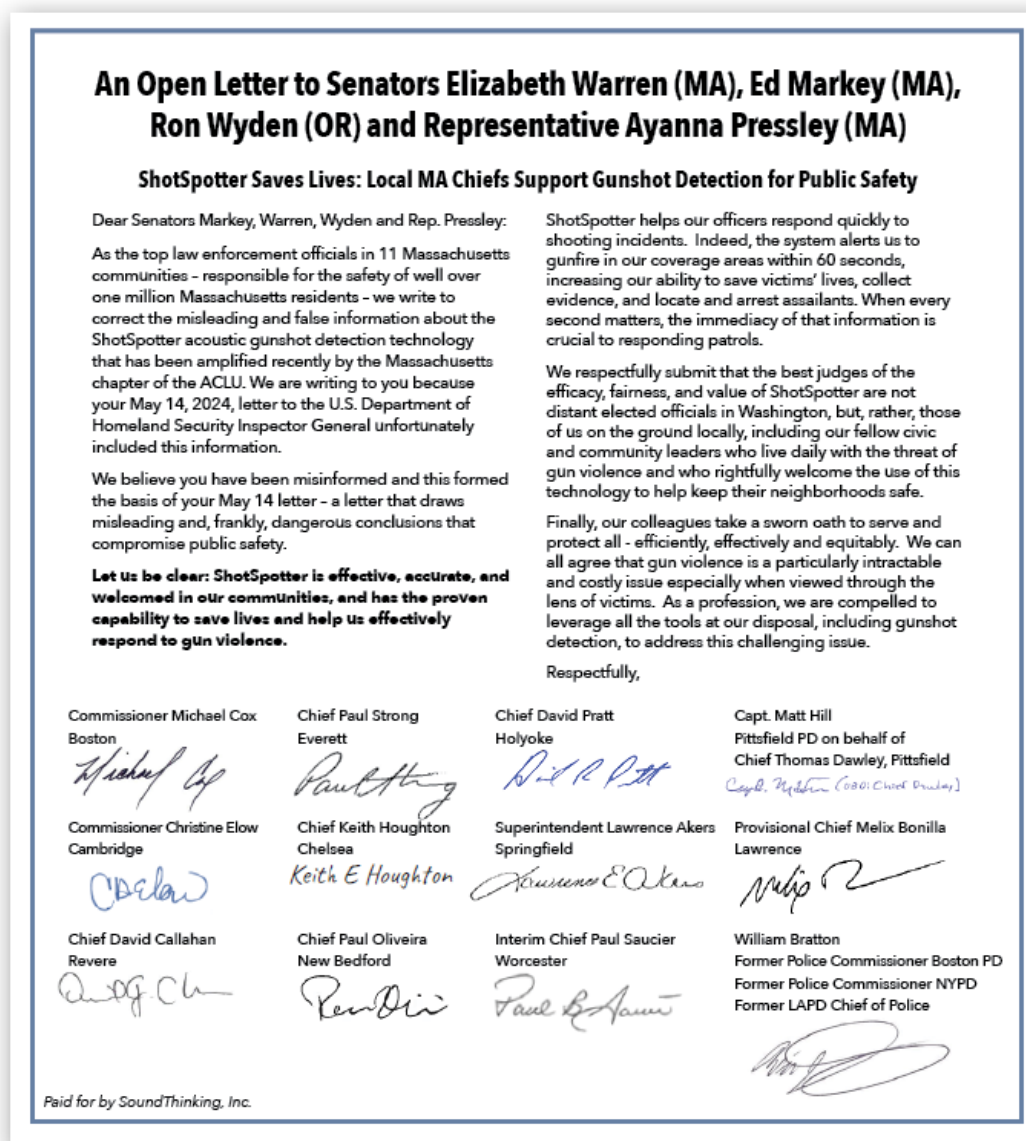
"We respectfully submit that the best judges of the efficacy, fairness, and value of ShotSpotter are not distant elected officials in Washington, but, rather, those of us on the ground locally, including our fellow civic and community leaders who live daily with the threat of gun violence and who rightfully 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:



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



An open letter to Senators Elizabeth Warren (MA), Ed Markey (MA), Ron Wyden (OR), and Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA) from top law enforcement officials in 11 Massachusetts communities.

Source: SoundThinking, Inc.