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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to add our name to those who endorse and support S. 291, the "Keep Our Communities Safe of 2015." As you know, the I.U.P.A. represents more than 100,000 rank and file, active duty law enforcement professionals across this nation as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. These brave men and women are the ones who must deal with criminal aliens after they have been released in lieu of being deported following their conviction and incarceration for criminal acts.

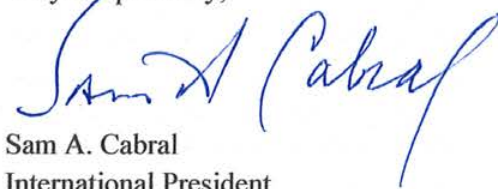
In 2013, there were more than 36,000 of these aliens whose crimes included homicide, sexual assaults, aggravated assaults and DUIs. Once released, they were free to commit additional crimes and further prey on the citizens of this great nation. We read about such tragedies daily. Your bill would close the loophole that allows these releases.

This legislation would allow criminal aliens to be detained longer than six months to allow for their deportation when:

- o The alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future;
- o The alien would have been removed but for the alien's refusal to make all reasonable efforts to comply and cooperate with the Secretary's efforts to remove him;
- o The alien has a highly contagious disease;
- o Release would have serious adverse foreign policy consequences;
- o Release would threaten national security; or
- o Release would threaten the safety of the community and the alien either is an aggravated felon or has committed a crime of violence.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this common sense legislation advance and become law. Please feel free to call on us whenever we can help.

Very Respectfully,


Sam A. Cabral
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