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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to add our name to those who are in support of your thoughtful legislation, S. 708, the "INTERDICT Act".

As you know, the I.U.P.A. represents more than 100,000 active duty, rank and file Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical personnel across this nation as well as in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The increase of opiates and their synthetic counterparts are epidemic. This has resulted in a catastrophic addiction and death rate in this nation. No one, it seems, is immune to this plague.

Your critical legislation will provide the U.S. Customs and Border Protection with the tools to detect, identify, and interdict the substances contributing to this drug crisis. These tools will be a welcome aid to the men and women tasked with protecting Americans from these poisons entering the country.

We applaud your efforts in the matter and look forward to working with you and your staff to bring this meaningful legislation forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President