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The Honorable Rodney Davis
The United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (I.U.P.A.), I am proud to add our name to those supporting H.R. 1205, "To amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions."

The I.U.P.A. represents more than 100,000 active duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel across this great nation as well as in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

About one third of public employees have pensions outside of Social Security, including first responders. Many of these brave men and women, however, have qualified for Social Security through outside employment and extra jobs. These employees will not be paid the full amount they have earned, nor will they qualify for spousal benefits because of their pensions due to the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination provisions of the Social Security Act. This has a negative financial impact on the men and women who so selflessly protect us throughout their difficult careers.

Your critical legislation removes these two bars to the fair payment of earned Social Security benefits for our nation's first responders. I look forward to working with you and your staff to finally see this unfair penalty lifted from those who provide for the public's safety.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President