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The Honorable Patrick Toomey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

The International Union of Police Association is proud to add our name to the supporters of the bill addressing "Sanctuary Cities" titled Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act. As it now stands, our officers can be held liable for sharing relevant information and honoring immigration detainees, even when they are from federal immigration officials. This legislation remedies that.

Additionally, the bill provides a financial disincentive for cities to become or remain "sanctuary cities" by removing State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Funds which were originally designated to provide financial assistance to those counties and cities housing unlawful entrants. It also restricts Community Block Grants. COPS grants are restricted only if the law enforcement agency is the source of and has the power to change sanctuary city policy. It makes sense to us that a political entity cannot expect funding from the federal government when that city or county has made a decision to ignore federal laws involving the very issues for which these funds were prescribed.

Finally, this legislation will provide a five year mandatory minimum sentence for those illegal aliens who have aggravated felony convictions and at least two prior convictions for unlawful re-entry. It is long past time to end the revolving door of criminal aliens, who, even though convicted of felony criminal activity and deported, unlawfully return to prey upon our citizens.

We both thank and applaud you for this thoughtful and timely piece of legislation and we look forward to working with you and your staff to see it signed into law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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