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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
SH-516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Officers, representing more than 100,000 rank and file law enforcement officers across this great nation, I am proud to endorse your thoughtful legislation, S. 2794, the **“Protect and Serve Act of 2018”**.

Law enforcement officers perform a dangerous job. They deal daily with people who are at their worst, often angry, under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and violent. Adding to these hazards, is the targeted killing of these brave men and women by persons desirous of taking their lives simply because of the badge they wear. It is every bit as much a hate crime as those already enumerated in other statutes.

Your thoughtful legislation will provide additional resources and, hopefully, a disincentive to those twisted individuals who harbor such murderous goals.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to help make this worthwhile Bill the law of the land and applaud you for bringing it forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President