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The Honorable Sherrod Brown United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) I am proud to add our support and endorsement to your thoughtful and timely legislation, S. 2763 "Providing Officers with Electronic Resources (POWER) Act of 2018".

Our officers are routinely facing a hidden killer in the forms of both fentanyl and carfentanil. These killers are not detectable by the means these men and women currently have available to them. More than one officer has had to be revived due to accidental overdose while conducting arrests and investigations.

The **POWER Act** will provide the means by which law enforcement agencies can get funds to obtain high-tech, portable screening devices to detect and identify dangerous chemical substances. These devices will undoubtedly save the lives of officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and the public. It will be one more critically needed tool in the battle to stem the drug crises in America.

We applaud your introduction of this important bi-partisan legislation and look forward to working with you and your staff to see it being signed into law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

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CC: The Honorable Marco Antonio Rubio

The Honorable Edward John Markey

The Honorable Robert Jones Portman

The Honorable Charles Ellis Schumer

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito