



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to include the **Providing Officers With Electronic Resources (POWER) Act of 2018** to the opioid package currently being considered in the Senate. The I.U.P.A. represents more than 100,000 active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals across this great nation as well as in the U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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 crisis in America. This equipment is crucial to the fight to halt the national calamity of opioid deaths.

Very Respectfully,

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