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The Honorable Rob Portman
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Portman:

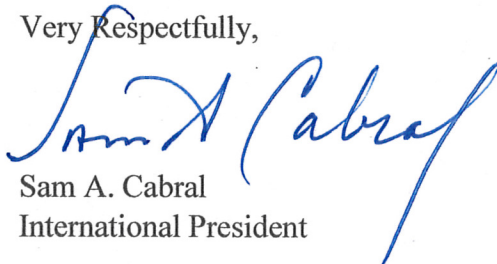
On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to endorse and support **“The Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act”, S.372.**

The opioid epidemic is killing Americans at a rate higher than that of murder, car crashes, or AIDS. Police Officers are continually suffering opioid overdoses due to accidental and incidental exposure while conducting investigations. Most of the carnage is being caused by Fentanyl and other synthetics that are being imported to the U.S. through our own mail. We have the ability to detect these drugs and cease their importation. Your thoughtful and timely legislation requires that.

We think this Bill would provide a simple, common sense, remedy to a major public health crisis. Any costs associated with its implementation would certainly be offset by the savings we would realize by the reduction in the influx of these synthetic killers.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this critical legislation being signed into law.

Very Respectfully,



Sam A. Cabral
International President