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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
503 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown;

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to add our name to your thoughtful legislation, **Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act**.

As you know, Law Enforcement Officers work in a challenging physical and emotional environment. Their experiences and activities impact them physically and, in many jurisdictions, require them to retire prior to reaching the age where they are eligible for Medicare. Their job often leaves them with medical conditions that make finding affordable health insurance challenging. Many of them do not qualify for Social Security.

Your Bill would ease these difficulties and help to provide health care for these brave men and women as well as their families. Additionally, it would ease the financial impact of their forced retirement and allow them these benefits that they have surely earned.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to make this legislation a priority and a reality.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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