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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, (I.U.P.A.) I am proud to endorse and support your thoughtful legislation, the **“Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act”**.

As we sadly have learned, suicide has taken the lives of more active duty Law Enforcement Officers in recent years than have been lost to assailants. Additionally, we have almost no data on suicides by retired members.

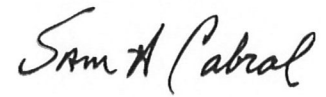
Our officers live daily with sights and situations that, thankfully, most people never face and many could not imagine. These things cannot be unseen or forgotten. Over the course of years, many of these traumas aggregate and exceed the coping mechanisms available to these brave men and women.

Employers are becoming more enlightened about the impact of these events and many states are providing assistance to these officers before they become overwhelmed and seek a final, deadly solution.

This Bill will provide a meaningful and critical element to understanding and dealing with this deadly problem.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this legislation move forward and become law.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' at the beginning.

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