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Dear Governor DeSantis:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to assist the brave men and women of Florida's Law Enforcement community.

The recent pandemic is unprecedented in our recent history. Across the country, gatherings are not allowed, and people are being asked to remain isolated – this for their own protection and the protection of our society. Not all of us can do so.

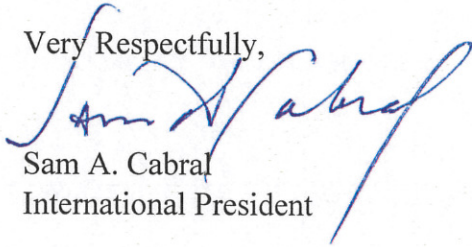
Today, and every day, first responders are interacting with people whose medical conditions or history are unknown. In some cases, these interactions involve serious physical contact. Many of these brave men and women have been confirmed COVID-19 cases. Some have died as a result. In that many carriers of COVID-19 are asymptomatic, it is not always possible to know when and where they may be or have been exposed to this virus.

Additionally, and painfully, these men and women cannot even safely interact with their own families due to their exposure or even possible exposure.

I urge you to sign an Executive Order declaring that any Law Enforcement Officer, who has been working during this pandemic, who is determined to have contracted COVID-19, be presumed to have received the virus as a result of his employment for purposes of Workers' Compensation and statues regulating his leave time, medical assistance and pay status.

They will always be available to serve and protect the people of Florida. We urge you to protect them. It is the right thing to do and will provide a sense of security to these men and women in these very uncertain times.

Very Respectfully,

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