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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
United States House of Representatives
2132 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Nadler,

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to endorse and support your thoughtful and timely legislation, **HR 6509**, the “**Public Safety Officer Pandemic Response Act of 2020**”.

We represent rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation. Many of our members protect and serve the people of the State of New York.

Officers have continued to work during this pandemic, many times without adequate safety equipment designed for this disease. Sadly, some of their job duties involve physical contact. They have no way of knowing the health history of the members of the community they must interact with. Many of them have contracted COVID-19 and several have succumbed to its ravages.

Your Bill rightfully recognizes that the likelihood of their exposure to COVID-19 being duty-related is high.

We agree that this illness should be presumed to be duty-related and will work with you and your staff to see this important Bill become law.

I thank you for its introduction.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President