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## Statement of I.U.P.A. President Sam A. Cabral re: U.S. Presidential Executive Order, “Safe Policing for Safe Communities”

Yesterday, our United States President signed an important and meaningful Executive Order designed to help our Law Enforcement Community improve. We wholeheartedly support the provisions the president has so thoughtfully put forward.

The Order gives financial incentives for our departments to adopt best practices and encourage programs where trained mental health professionals join our members when dealing with mental health, addiction, and homelessness issues in our communities. We welcome the assistance, the expertise, and the resources that are so sorely needed.

The Order also will create a tracking system for officers who have been terminated, successfully sued, or convicted of crimes for using excessive force. It will greatly assist agencies with their hiring practices, ensuring that the very best candidates qualify for these important jobs.

Additionally, the Order shall certify independent credentialing bodies that embody use-of-force and de-escalation techniques, early warning systems for problem employees, and best practices regarding community engagement.

The order would require departments to ban “choke holds” except in cases where deadly force is allowed by law.

We believe that all of these steps are critical to improving our ability to serve and protect our communities while also enhancing the relationship between our Law Enforcement Officers and those we serve.

We applaud President Trump for this Executive Order and for his continuing commitment to a safer nation for us all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President