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The Honorable David Joyce  
House of Representatives  
1124 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Joyce:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, representing active duty, rank and file officers across this great nation, including many in the State of Ohio, I am proud to add our name to those in support of your timely and thoughtful legislation, **H.R. 7031, "Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020"**.

Our officers are on the front lines each and every day, responding to and interacting with people in every possible environment. Sometimes, these interactions involve physical contact. They have no way of knowing any medical or travel history of these persons, nor any current medical conditions, including the COVID-19 virus.

Currently the Public Safety Officers Benefits programs cover the survivors of these officers should they contract the disease and die from it or its complications. These benefits are based on D.O.J.'s current interpretation of the PSOB statutes.

To codify this benefit would ensure that later interpretations would not negatively impact the survivors of these brave public safety workers.

I thank you for this Bill's introduction and look forward to working with you and your staff to see it signed into law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President