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The Honorable Don Bacon
United States House of Representatives
1024 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bacon;

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to add our name to those who support your critical legislation, **H.R. 5395**, the **"Back the Blue Act"**.

Never before have we seen such wanton attacks on our Law Enforcement Community while the media seems to turn a blind eye to this violence. We are seeing officers ambushed as they sit in their vehicles writing reports or eating lunch. Officers are being targeted at their homes. Mobs have tried to seal officers inside of buildings and then set those buildings aflame.

Your legislation makes these assaults and murders federal crimes and, thus, removes them from some of the feckless city and district attorneys who have been less than aggressive in their prosecution. It brings federal resources in to identify, track, find, and prosecute these criminals. It is long overdue.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this Bill become law and help lock up these attackers and assassins.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President