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The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cotton;

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, **S. 4550**, which will establish a rebuttable presumption that a person arrested for rioting or related offenses be held in custody pending a trial.

Since March, we have seen our cities burn, our businesses trashed, our police officers attacked, and entire blocks of cities taken over by rioters, looters, and arsonists. All too often, these offenders are arrested, only to be quickly released on bail, or in many cases, a promise to appear. They then return to the areas of their crimes to reoffend. It is a "catch and release" program with dire consequences.

Your Bill will halt some of these practices and give consequences to those who destroy lives and property with impunity.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see that this needed Bill becomes law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President