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The Honorable Josh Hawley
United States Senate
212 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hawley:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to endorse your important legislation, "**The David Dorn Back the Blue Act of 2020**".

Law Enforcement agencies across this great nation are under siege, economically, socially, and even physically. They are suffering a shortage of financial resources to retain, train, and equip their officers. As the number of officers retiring grows, recruiting is also becoming more challenging. As riots plague our cities, there is a movement to actually defund these departments further. Your Bill does just the opposite and will help immensely.

This Bill will provide federal funds to cities to strengthen their police departments. It will allow departments to enhance their recruitment of additional personnel and provide a financial incentive for officers to remain; giving them a federally backed and deserved pay increase. Additionally, it excludes those jurisdictions that pursue the decrease in funding for Law Enforcement.

It is sorely needed and we applaud you for its introduction. We look forward to working with you and your staff to move this Bill forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President