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The Honorable Vern Buchanan  
United States House of Representatives  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Buchanan;

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to endorse and support your thoughtful legislation, **H.R. 72, "The Thin Blue Line Act"**.

This thoughtful legislation adds the killing or targeting of a law enforcement officer or firefighter performing their duties to the aggravating factors for the purpose of implementing the death penalty.

We have long had "hate crimes" with enhanced penalties in which the victim was attacked because of his status, orientation, ethnicity, etc. Adding public safety personnel to those so protected is long overdue and very much appreciated.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to see this needed legislation move forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
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