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The Honorable Ami Bera
United States House of Representatives
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bera:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I would like to endorse your thoughtful and needed legislation, **HR 1480**, the “**HERO Act**”.

As you know, we are losing a greater number of our active-duty law enforcement officers to suicide each year than to almost any other single cause. We have no reliable method to track the cases of suicide among retired officers.

Your Bill will provide data collection, study intervention techniques, and explore confidential techniques for treatment that can reduce this terrible epidemic.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this legislation become law and allow us to develop meaningful and effective mechanisms to cope with the rate of suicide among our nation’s first responders.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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