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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
United States House of Representatives
2441 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Zeldin:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I would like to offer our support and our thanks for your thoughtful resolution, **H. Res. 283** that establishes a "Bill of Rights" to support Law Enforcement personnel.

We represent rank and file Law Enforcement Officers across the nation, including in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Many of our members serve the Great State of New York.

America's Law Enforcement Officers are under constant attack, it seems. As they try to protect their communities, organizations, such as ours, must constantly protect them from spurious attacks, lawsuits, and indictments. Many of these stem from incomplete videos and a news media that will attempt to try the officer in the court of public opinion.

While some of the officers make honest and costly mistakes, and some others may commit criminal acts, these occurrences are rare considering the number and types of contacts these brave men and women encounter every day.

Your resolution recognizes this and provides a framework of due process, as would be enjoyed by any other American. It affords the opportunity for accused officers to have fair and impartial inquiries and fact-finding.

Thank you for recognizing the contributions, commitments, and sacrifices of our nation's police officers. Thank you for giving them an opportunity to defend themselves when allegations are made against them.

We both thank and applaud you for the introduction of this resolution. We look forward to it being adopted.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President