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The Honorable Vicky Hartzler
United States House of Representatives
2235 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Hartzler:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am endorsing your thoughtful legislation, **H.R. 1567**, the **Police Officers Protecting Children Act**".

Allowing otherwise qualified off-duty or a retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed weapon in a school zone adds a layer of protection to our most vital commodity, our children. These men and women are well trained; not only in the use of firearms, but also in observing suspicious activity which would require their intervention.

Attacks on our schools and our children are, thankfully, rare, but heartbreaking and tragic. Making these vulnerable children safer in every manner available to us is wise. Your Bill does that and, as both parents and officers, we thank you for it.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this Bill move forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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