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The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

On behalf of the members of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to add our name to those who support and endorse the "**Thin Blue Line Act**". This Bill provides as an aggravating factor in the consideration of federal death penalty, the killing of a police officer, Firefighter, EMT, or prosecutor.

The killing of a first responder during the course of his duties or simply because he or she *is* a first responder, is an attack on the very fabric of this nation and we view it as nothing less than urban terrorism. It is a very real threat to every American who simply wishes to live their lives, enjoy their families and friends, and go about their days safe from the predators who would deprive them of those basic American ideals. We believe that those who engage in such acts should be subject to the same uncompromising justice as any terrorist who straps a bomb to their chest in order to upset the democratic order of this country.

As you know, we represent active duty rank and file Law Enforcement Professionals across this great nation. We look forward to working with you and your staff to bring this legislation forward and having it signed into law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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