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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable David Trone  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building, Room 1110  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Trone:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am writing to register our support and endorsement of **HR 3071**, the “**Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2021**”.

Our Law Enforcement Officers are faced with daunting tasks every day. They must not only witness, but deal intimately with situations that are unimaginable and sickening. They see and hear things that cannot be unseen. These events can include accidents, vicious assaults, murders, dismembered victims, and the abuse of children. Nothing in their training or experience can prepare them for these horrific experiences – and those experiences repeat and accumulate over the years. Most do not share these experiences with family members, but rather suffer silently.

Add to that the fact that they work varying shifts, overtime, and court. While many celebrate the holidays, they are dreaded by those who have to answer public safety calls and to deal with the chaos those holidays bring to many gatherings.

Many of these men and women suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is real and it is pervasive. Some cope with alcohol, many experience divorce. Sadly, too many escape their demons by suicide. We lose more of our officers to suicide than any other cause.

Your Bill recognizes the nexus of their jobs to their PTSD and to their inability, finally, to cope. It provides the care for them and for their loved ones if this is determined to be their proximate cause of disability or death.

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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