



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
503 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to join those who endorse and support your thoughtful legislation, **"Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act"**.

I.U.P.A. represents rank and file Law Enforcement Officers across this great nation, many of whom serve the residents of Ohio.

As you know, Law Enforcement Officers work in a challenging physical and emotional environment. Their experiences and activities impact them physically and, in many jurisdictions, require them to retire prior to reaching the age where they are eligible for Medicare. Their job often leaves them with medical conditions which make finding affordable health insurance challenging. Many of them do not qualify for Social Security.

Your Bill would ease these difficulties and help to provide care for these brave men and women as well as their families. It would ease the financial impact of their forced retirement and allow them these valuable benefits, which they have surely earned.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to make this legislation a priority and a reality.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
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