



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Dan Sullivan  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sullivan:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am writing to voice our support and thanks for your thoughtful legislation, **S. 1650**, the **“Protect Our Heroes Act of 2021”**.

American Law Enforcement Officers have found themselves targeted by street gangs, rioters, some politicians, and certainly a large portion of the media. As a result, they are being killed and injured at an increasing rate. Many City and District Attorneys have made decisions to either ignore existing state laws or reduce the severity of the appropriate charges when these attackers are arrested.

Your Bill will provide greater consequences for those who would attack the men and women who protect our communities. While it will not halt attacks on our officers, it will provide a strong deterrent to those who think they can act with impunity in their anger.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President