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The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to endorse your thoughtful legislation, **S. 619**, the “**Defending Our Defenders Act**”.

Law Enforcement Officers are being shot and killed at an increasing rate, many during ambush attacks. Many have been shot by those who advocate for their death through social media and their membership in groups that so advocate.

Your bill will make these criminal acts aggravating factors in the application of the death sentence. It may provide a deterrent to these crimes or, if not, a certain reckoning.

I look forward to seeing this legislation move forward and will assist you and your staff in that goal.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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