August 16, 2021

The Honorable Claudia Tenney  
House of Representatives  
1410 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC  20515

Dear Congresswoman Tenney:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am pleased to endorse your thoughtful legislation, H.R. 4500, the "Local Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2021".

This bill requires that state or local governments must not, before receiving any grant under a covered program, have in place any law that provides less qualified immunity to law enforcement officers than described in the holding in Saucier v. Katz (533 U.S. 194 (2001)).

This bill will provide a disincentive to those agencies and governments who are trying to dismantle qualified immunity for these law enforcement officers who make split second decisions under stressful, life-threatening circumstances. They should not be rewarded for acts that jeopardize our officers and contribute to the challenges of retaining and recruiting law enforcement personnel.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to see this bill become law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President