

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Honorable Josh Hawley United States Senate 115 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hawley:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am happy to announce our endorsement and support of your thoughtful bill, S 2246 to provide grants to support the hiring of law enforcement officers.

Violent crime is increasing, as police staff levels are decreasing. Many municipalities are having funding challenges brought about by the impact of the pandemic. The attacks, both physical and in the media, have made recruitment more problematic. These converging exponents combine to reduce the public's safety and the quality of life in our communities.

Your bill will allow departments and agencies to meet these challenges and to put more qualified officers on the street.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

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