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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senate  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Duckworth:

I write on behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, representing rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel across this nation, including in the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. I am proud to endorse and offer our support of your critical legislation, **S. 3635 the "Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022"**.

As you know, public safety officers work daily with people who are at their very worst. They are called to scenes of unimaginable horror frequently. Nothing in their training prepares them adequately for what they may encounter. These scenes cannot be unseen. Some are able to cope, but many use unhealthy coping mechanisms, and some, far too many, find they can no longer live with the images they have seen. While we are making great strides in treating and helping those so affected, we still have a long way to go.

Your thoughtful bill recognizes the personal damage such experiences have on these brave men and women. It provides relief to the survivors of those who, seeing no other way to escape their horrors, take their own lives.

We all pray for the day when such a bill is no longer necessary.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President