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The Honorable Jason Miyares
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Dear Attorney General Miyares:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I wish to thank you for your support of the Federal Legislation, "The Public Safety Officers Support Act of 2022".

We represent rank and file line officers throughout this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. Many of our members serve in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We too have supported this critical and bi-partisan piece of legislation that will save the lives of countless public safety professionals.

As you know, Public Safety Officers respond to every critical incident they become aware of. Not only do they have an impact on these events, but too often forgotten, is the impact these events have on the officers. Over the course of time, these horrors mount and many have difficulty coping with the unimaginable images and situations they have faced. We lose more of these brave men and women to their own hands than we do to assailants. That must stop.

We have come a long way in recognizing this need and the devastation that can occur when help is not available. Officers need effective and confidential assistance in learning to live with these stresses in an effectual and safe way.

The Public Safety Officers Support Act can provide that help. Your recognition of this and your public support of this Act is both noted and appreciated.

Once again, thank you.

Very respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President