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The Honorable David Trone
Attn: Fae Rabin
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Trone:

On behalf of the members of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am pleased to offer our support and endorsement of your thoughtful and needed legislation, **H.R. 6943**, the **“Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022”**.

As you know, suicide is the leading cause of death for our nation’s law enforcement officers. Their careers are punctuated by horrific events that cannot be unseen. While we train and equip them well in responding tactically and handling these events, we do little or nothing to prepare them for the psychological impact these occasions will have on them mentally. Many resort to coping mechanisms that are unhealthy and ineffective. Too often, when these mechanisms fail, the officers chose to end their horrors and their lives at their own hands.

Your bill recognizes that these tragic deaths are as duty-related as those resulting in fatal physical injuries and that their survivors are deserving of access to the Public Safety Officer’s Benefit.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this critical legislation move forward.

Very respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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