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The Honorable Josh Gottheimer
United States House of Representatives
203 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gottheimer:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to offer our endorsement and support of **H.R. 6448**, the **“Invest to Protect Act”**.

Law enforcement agencies are being tasked with greater and greater responsibilities due to diminishing social and mental health resources. The men and women who serve are also being vilified, filmed, and smeared in the media. They are retiring or leaving in droves, leaving many departments dangerously understaffed. This, plus fiscal realities, have also caused a decrease in training, just when it is most needed. It is particularly a problem for smaller departments with less flexibility.

Your bill will provide grants to address these shortcomings for smaller agencies. They certainly need it the most.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this legislation move forward and perhaps become part of a larger package devoted to enhancing the public safety.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President