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OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS**  
*THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS*

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The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler  
United States House of Representatives  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Beutler:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to add our support to your critical legislation, **H.R. 6375**, the “**COPS on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act of 2022**”. Your legislation will provide grant funds to aid smaller communities in more adequately compensating training, hiring, and retaining police officers.

We have seen a mass exodus of trained, qualified officers leaving their chosen careers due to defunding, lower wages, lack of training, and a hostile media that seems to influence feckless police and political leadership at the expense of the brave men and women who are on the streets dealing with criminal activity.

This reduction in staffing leads to longer response times, fewer arrests, and less prosecution of those arrested; all of which contribute to rising crime rates and fewer resources with which to deal with it. This is especially true in smaller, more rural communities whose size and fiscal hardships leave them less flexibility to cope with these realities. It also reduces the opportunities for officers to interact with the communities in non-policing manners, gaining their trust and respect.

This legislation can help alleviate some of those deficiencies. I look forward to its move forward or of it becoming a part of a larger public safety bill during this 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President