



**INTERNATIONAL UNION
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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Michael Lawler
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Lawler:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I would like to thank and applaud your thoughtful and timely introduction of H. Con. Res. 4, "Expressing support for the nation's law enforcement agencies and condemning any efforts to defund or dismantle law enforcement agencies."

We agree that defunding law enforcement is a recipe for disastrous consequences for the communities we serve. As it is, law enforcement agencies are having a difficult time even retaining officers, not to mention trying to recruit qualified applicants for this challenging profession. Low pay, public vilification, and lack of support from leadership contributes mightily to these challenges.

We look forward to seeing this Resolution move forward and bring to light the sacrifices and challenges faced by our brave men and women.

Thank you for its introduction.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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