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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Burgess Owens
The Honorable Dave Joyce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Owens and Joyce:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am pleased to endorse your critical legislation, H.R. 472, "Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2023".

As you know, more law enforcement officers die at their own hands than are murdered in the line of duty. They deal with human tragedy that normal people, thankfully, can hardly imagine. This occurs repeatedly during the course of their duties. Many of them are unable to develop coping mechanisms without professional help. To far too many, this help is not obtainable.

It is critical that this help be available, and as importantly, be confidential so as not to impact their careers; otherwise, they will not take advantage of it.

This legislation will help provide this assistance, and hopefully, stem the suicide rate for these brave men and women.

I look forward to working with you and your staffs to see it move forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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