



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS AFL-CIO

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
2056 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I would like to voice our opposition to **H.R. 1124**, the **“Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2023”**.

The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, represents rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The removal of the death penalty in federal cases will only protect criminals involved in murder involving the drug trade, the killing of a law enforcement officer, genocide, kidnapping, the child sex trade, terrorism, and other heinous crimes. It will significantly enhance the dangers to law enforcement officers, especially those involved in corrections.

It also provides a “free pass” to kill to those already serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole, making our prisons even more dangerous for both inmates and officers.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this dangerous legislation defeated.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President