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The Honorable Don Bacon
The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Bacon and LaMalfa:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.), I am pleased to announce our support of your thoughtful and timely legislation, H.R. 3079, the “Back the Blue 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.

As you know, our officers are being assaulted and killed at an alarming rate. Hopefully, this bill will provide a disincentive for those who may consider such an assault and, failing that, provide a way to see that their actions are adjudicated and those persons can be removed from our communities. Your thoughtful legislation provides federal prosecution for the assault or killing of a law enforcement officer. It also provides federal jurisdiction to those who flee to avoid prosecution for such crimes. It will provide federal resources sorely needed for the apprehension and incarceration of these vicious criminals.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this critical legislation move forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President