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The Honorable Ken Buck
The Honorable Dave Joyce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Buck and Joyce:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am pleased to endorse your legislation, **H.R. 895, "Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023"**.

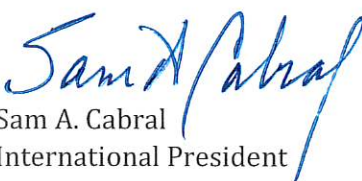
The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, represents rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. We have seen the dramatic increase in retail theft, frequently by well-organized gangs, who loot stores and flee to face little or no consequences.

This increase has become a threat to the businesses where it occurs and has caused many of them to close their shops as they were no longer profitable. This, in turn, has a negative impact on those who live in underserved communities of people who might not have access to transportation to other retail outlets for their basic daily needs.

Your timely legislation brings federal resources to local law enforcement departments and will assist in alleviating this conduct through arrest and prosecution of those involved. It will also give access to federal prosecution in those venues where the local prosecutors are unable or unwilling to deal with this epidemic of theft.

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

Very Respectfully,


Sam A. Cabral
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