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The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

I am proud to announce our support for your critical and timely legislation, **S. 868, "A bill to amend Title 18, United States Code, to make the murder of a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer a crime punishable by life in prison or death"**.

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 of this writing, nine on duty law enforcement officers have been shot to death this year. Sixty were murdered in 2022. There is no sign of abatement of these unprecedented and targeted attacks on our officers.

Your legislation will, hopefully, provide a disincentive for those who might entertain the thought of killing a police officer. It will certainly preclude it from happening twice with the same suspect.

As much as we oppose H.R. 1124, which would abolish the federal death penalty, we support your bill.

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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