

## INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Honorable Andy Ogles The Honorable Mark Green United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Ogles and Green:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to offer our support for your timely legislation, H.R. 2440, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Metropolitan Police Officers Michael Collazo and Rex Englebert for their heroic actions on March 27, 2023 at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. Without regard for their own safety, these two men ran towards the sound of gunfire and confronted a heavily armed suspect who had already taken several lives. They were able to quickly neutralize the shooter and undoubtedly saved dozens of lives through their actions.

Their actions on that day are in the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession and are worthy of congressional recognition.

Thank you for the introduction of this bill. We look forward to working with you and your staff to see it become a reality. They deserve nothing less.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

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