



**INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS**
THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Jim Banks
United States House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Banks:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am writing to give our support and endorsement for your recently introduced legislation, H.R. 233., to amend the revised statute to codify the defense of qualified immunity in the case of any action under section 1979.

The I.U.P.A. represents rank and file law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Law enforcement officers make critical life and death decisions daily in conditions that do not give them the luxury that those who later evaluate those decisions are afforded. They must know that their good faith actions, absent a willful violation of civil rights, will not cause them severe penalties in the form of civil damages. Fear of such consequences will result in those brave men and women hesitating to get involved or to take action. That hesitation could prove deadly for either the officer or other persons who may be at risk.

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

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Sam A. Cabral
International President