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The Honorable Mike Gallagher House of Representatives 1211 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gallagher:

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, HR 331, "The Illicit Arms Trafficking Security Enforcement Act, " which will require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force Unit to investigate transnational criminal organization arms smuggling across the international border between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes".

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 recognize the importance of border security and the lack of it having such a negative impact on policing nationwide. The smuggling of arms in both directions is a major part of the problem. We also recognize the importance and effectiveness of multi-agency task forces in addressing these types of problems, each bringing particular talents and resources to such a group.

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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