



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Tom Tiffany
The Honorable Ashley Hinson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representatives Tiffany and Hinson:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to announce our support for House Concurrent Resolution 5, "Expressing support for the Nation's law enforcement agencies and condemning any efforts to defund or dismantle law enforcement agencies".

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.

It is sad that such a resolution is even necessary. We have seen the results of efforts to defund our law enforcement agencies, mostly in Democratic run cities where crime is forcing the exodus of residents and the closing of businesses due to the rise in crime.

Agencies are losing police officers at an alarming rate and recruitment has not kept pace with the vacancies, leaving police agencies understaffed, officer's safety compromised, and communities decimated by emboldened criminals. Response times have increased, causing honest citizens to arm themselves and protect their lives and property, sometimes resulting in predictable and tragic mistakes.

Staffing issues have resulted in less training and fiscal challenges have resulted in less needed equipment for these brave men and women. 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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