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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
The Honorable Bill Hagerty
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Blackburn and Hagerty:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to announce our support for your timely bill, S. 1107, "Securing Aid for Every School Act" or the "SAFE School Act".

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.

Our nation's most precious treasure is our children. They are the future of this country. They are also the most vulnerable and provide valuable targets for those who would destroy us.

Your thoughtful legislation provides funding and mechanisms to protect these children and their schools. Armed, trained, former police officers and military veterans would be invaluable in providing this protection. The hardening of schools is also necessary, providing a single secure access point, locking classrooms, metal detectors, and other safeguards than can help prevent school shootings.

We believe your bill provides a blueprint for ensuring better protocols and safety practices for these defenseless minors.

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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