May 25, 2023

The Honorable Greg Landsman  
The Honorable Max Miller  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Landsman and Miller:

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, H.R. 3376: “To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants to recruit and retain law enforcement officers”.

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.

As you know, nearly every law enforcement agency is struggling to retain its officers and to recruit qualified applicants. This has resulted in longer response times and far less preventative, self-initiated police work. Many departments have even ceased responding to some calls for service. Your legislation will aid departments in recruiting and retaining officers by making available additional fiscal resources. It could make a big difference in the safety of both our officers and the communities they protect.

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

Very Respectfully,

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International President