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The Honorable Randy Weber The Honorable Max Miller House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Weber 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.2479, "Securing Our Schools Act of 2023".

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 greatest natural resource is our children. They are also the most vulnerable, especially when they are all in one place – school. Terrorists know this as well as we do. These innocent lives must be protected. Many schools today have little protection. Many lack any armed School Resource Officers or prophylactic safeguards, which are required to ensure their safety.

Your bill will provide technical and financial assistance to aid schools in creating a safer environment. It is absolutely critical.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral International President