



**INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS**
THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Dan Sullivan
United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sullivan:

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, S. 1617, the "Protect Our Heroes 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.

Law enforcement officers are too frequently targeted by those who wish to kill them. Officers are being shot, either by ambush or while attempting to take someone into custody. Your legislation will make such assaults and attempts a federal crime with enhanced penalties. It will provide additional resources to both identify and bring to justice the purveyors of such crime.

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

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" being particularly prominent.

Sam A. Cabral
International President