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The Honorable Garret Graves  
United States House of Representatives  
2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, (I.U.P.A.) representing more than 100,000 law enforcement professionals from across the nation, I am proud to lend our support to HR 82, "The Social Security Fairness Act of 2023".

The government offset and windfall elimination provisions of the Social Security Act unfairly punish public safety members who have contributed to their own financial security by taking away Social Security benefits earned and paid for by law enforcement officers and firefighters across the country. It also punishes police and firefighters by removing most of their Social Security survivor benefits. The brave men and women, who dedicate their lives and make great personal sacrifices to this nation, should not receive less of their earned retirements because of that service.

Your bill would repeal these long-standing abuses and provide fairness to the administration of Social Security. I applaud you for introducing this needed legislation and hope you or your staff will feel free to call upon I.U.P.A. should we be able to speed its progress.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam A. Cabral  
International President