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The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Senator Cornyn:

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. 1569**, the “**Back the Blue 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.

This bill provides federal jurisdiction in cases where persons kill, attempt to, or conspire to kill a law enforcement officer who is, in part, funded with federal funds. It will apply to most law enforcement officers nationwide. This legislation will provide an avenue to prosecution and sentencing sometimes not taken by “progressive” prosecutors, and provide, hopefully, some deterrent to the increasing attacks on these brave men and women.

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

Very Respectfully.

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