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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, (I.U.P.A.) I write to urge you to move **H.R. 3079**, the “**Back the Blue Act of 2023**”.

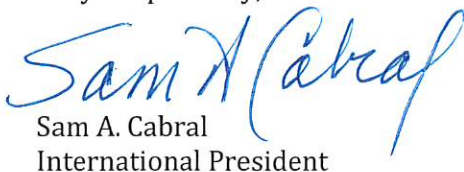
The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, represents rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

This critical legislation provides federal jurisdiction over assaults and the murder of America’s Law Enforcement Officers. It is long overdue. Our officers are facing more frequent ambush killings and assaults for no other reason than the uniform they wear. Just recently, a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff was shot in the back of the head while sitting in his marked patrol vehicle at a red light, right in front of the Palmdale Sheriff’s Station. The suspect has since been arrested. As you know, Los Angeles County, like too many other jurisdictions, has a “progressive” District Attorney who puts social reform ahead of the prosecution of criminals. We are seeing this across the country where those bent on such assaults have little in the way of vigorous prosecution to dissuade them from their violent behaviors. This bill would remedy that.

There is an election cycle coming and the placing of this bill on the floor would allow us to see which side of the aisle offers support for the Law Enforcement Officer apart from empty rhetoric.

I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this critical legislation move forward.

Very Respectfully,


Sam A. Cabral
International President