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The Honorable Morgan Luttrell The Honorable Lou Correa United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Correra and Luttrell:

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. 7832**, the "Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act".

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 act would require the Department of Homeland Security to develop a plan to integrate and deploy emerging technologies to address gaps in border security operations. It would also task at least one Customs and Border Protection Innovation Team with researching and adapting innovative commercial technologies to aid in border security.

"Through this bipartisan effort, Congress will better-understand how our officers can use new technology to stop smugglers, as well as identify and respond when migrants are crossing in remote and deadly conditions, and hopefully deliver them the resources they so desperately need," said Correa, who serves as the ranking member of the House Homeland Security's Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President