



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO

In February, the I.U.P.A. unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Donald Trump. We were followed by the national Association of Police Organizations, N.A.P.O. Last week, the Fraternal Order of Police made a similar endorsement. This means that EVERY major law enforcement organization that represents the law enforcement officers on the street, protecting your communities, have endorsed Mr. Trump.

Following that, the Sheriff of Durham County, Georgia, Clarence Birkhead endorsed Kamala Harris. The N.B.C. headline was "Law Enforcement Nationwide condemn Fraternal Order of Police's endorsement of Trump". Like so much of today's media's take on events, this is an outright lie. Sheriff Birkhead represents no one but himself.

Police Chiefs and Sheriffs are not Law Enforcement Officers. They are leaders, some elected and some appointed, every one a politician – nothing more.

The cops on the street are the ones facing the consequences of political decisions, catering to progressive ideals, rather than protecting our most vulnerable citizens. They deal with the consequences of open borders, recidivism, no bail policies, and the decriminalization of what they consider "minor crimes". As of April, this year, ninety-eight of them have been shot. Ninety-seven have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Kamala has supported removing police officers from our schools. You would think that her stand on that would taint the support of a Georgia Sheriff, where they just suffered yet another high school murderer, but then again, he is a politician.

Kamala Harris would be an absolute nightmare for the safety of our schools, our communities, and for the safety of the brave men and women who provide it.

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NOTE:

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.'s mission is to protect and advance officers' wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.*

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