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The Honorable Madeleine Dean  
United States House of Representatives  
150 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dean:

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. 621, "A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of grant amounts for providing training and resources for first responders on the use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances, and purchasing such containment devices for use by first responders."**

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.

Fentanyl, as we all know, is a deadly killer; to addicts, those who unwittingly take it, and those exposed to it through their contact with it, even unknowingly. Your thoughtful bill will provide protection for first responders who have to collect, bag, and store this dangerous chemical. It will undoubtedly save lives and ease our members anxieties when dealing with it.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this bill progress and be signed into law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President