



International Union of Police Associations

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

Sunday, January 5th, President Joe Biden signed H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act. This bill has been in the works for more than two decades. It will restore the earned and paid for Social Security benefits to millions who paid into the fund while also paying into a government pension not within Social Security.

It will be months, I suspect, before the results of this bill will find its way into our monthly Social Security checks, but the benefits will be retroactive back to January 2024.

We, as well as many groups, will take partial credit for this historic bill, and well they should. Its passage showed the value of divergent groups working together as well as independently across both sides of the aisle to accomplish that which was deemed unattainable. We salute and thank them all. We also thank our elected representatives in both the House and the Senate for their bi-partisan support of this critical legislation.

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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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