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The Honorable Juan Ciscomani House of Representatives 461 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ciscomani:

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. 35**, the "Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act".

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

The act imposes felony penalties on any person who, within one hundred miles of the border in a motor vehicle, commits an offense while fleeing from any pursuing federal, state, or local officer assisting or under the command of the U.S. Border Patrol. The penalties are enhanced if the act results in injury or death.

This is yet another needed tool to assist officers who are participating in the much-needed border control and enforcement.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

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