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The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald [R-WI]  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

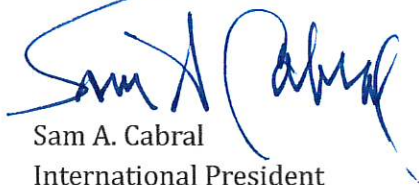
On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.), I am pleased to announce our support of your thoughtful and timely legislation, **"The Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act"**, aiming to revise the Gun Control Act of 1968.

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.

The current definition of "firearm" unintentionally hinders law enforcement's use of modern less-than-lethal weapons like CEWs, often classifying them as "deadly force." The bill proposes exempting certain less-than-lethal devices from the "firearm" definition if they meet criteria ensuring they are not easily converted to lethal weapons and are designed to minimize serious injury. This change would allow wider adoption of these tools, potentially reducing deadly force incidents and saving the lives of both law enforcement officers and suspects. In short, it would keep our communities safer and allow for the use of recent innovations in less than lethal weapons to resolve deadly situations.

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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