

## INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick [R-PA] U.S. House of Representatives 271 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fitzpatrick:

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. 1902, "To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers".

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.

Law enforcement officers routinely face unimaginable trauma. They carry these experiences, often unseen, leading to overwhelming stress and devastating consequences. Far too many turn to substance abuse and suicide. We lose more officers to suicide than to crime.

Your bill will allow these brave men and women access to help while help can still be effective. They can learn coping skills and receive healthy outcomes.

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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