

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Honorable Christopher Coons [D-DE] United States Senate 218 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

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, **S. 825**, "A bill to require the Attorney General to propose a program for making treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and acute stress disorder available to public safety officers".

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.

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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