

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SAM A. CABRAL International President

MICHAEL V. CRIVELLO International Secretary-Treasurer

March 25, 2025

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY] United States Senate 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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. 666** the **"First Responders Wellness 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. Many of our members serve in the State of New York.

Law Enforcement Officers suffer trauma almost daily. They witness events that most cannot imagine. Many carry these memories and are haunted by them. Some cope, while some rely on substances to ease their torment. Far too many, tragically take their own lives. Your bill will provide professional, confidential relief and guidance for these individuals and will surely save lives.

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

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

International President