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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.), I would like to announce our strenuous opposition to **S. 1913**. The legislation aims to amend existing laws to eliminate the defense of qualified immunity for actions taken under section 1979.

This change seeks to increase accountability for individuals by making it easier to pursue legal action against them. The proposal was introduced and subsequently referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary for further consideration on May 23, 2025.

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.

This dangerous legislation would remove qualified immunity from officers who violate the constitutional rights of others. While this sounds noble, these "rights" are very much determined by judicial subjectivity. While one judge might agree that there was probable cause for a search, the next judge, faced with exactly the same circumstances, may rule otherwise. Even the greatest legal minds in this great nation usually cannot agree. We very seldom see a unanimous opinion rendered by SCOTUS.

Officers facing civil suits every time they act, will certainly quit acting. They will answer calls and write reports. This will protect them, but endanger the community, for instead of

getting criminals off the street before they commit a crime, it will occur after. They will not seek out guns and drugs based on self-initiated investigations.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this dangerous bill defeated.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" and last name "Cabral" clearly legible.

Sam A. Cabral
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