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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, and Leader Schumer:

I am honored to write in strong support of the **Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. H.R. 2904 and S. 978**. It was introduced in March of 2025 as a bipartisan, bicameral bill, with endorsements from dozens of national, state, and local organizations and elected officials.

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 in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The HELPER Act would establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and pre-K through 12 teachers - our nation's first responders. Too often, these individuals struggle to afford their first home despite their dedication and honorable service to our communities.

First responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving others. They frequently put their lives on the line to ensure their fellow Americans' safety and well-being. It is time to recognize their sacrifice by giving them the support they deserve. Under the Federal Housing Administration, this program would allow first responders to obtain low-interest, fully insured home loans with no down payment and no monthly mortgage insurance costs for a first-time home purchase.

Our nation's first responders have shown unwavering commitment to their communities. They serve selflessly, often under dangerous and challenging conditions. We honor their dedication by providing access to affordable housing, enabling them to care for their families while continuing to serve their communities.

We hope you will join me in supporting the HELPER Act. We look forward to working with you on this vital issue and to see it progress through Congress.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" being the most prominent.

Sam A. Cabral  
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