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The Honorable Mike Lawler [R]
United States House of Representatives
324 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Lawler:

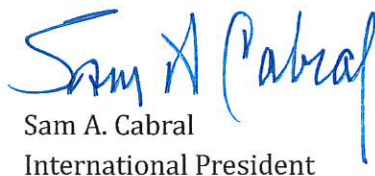
On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.), I am pleased to announce our support of your thoughtful and timely legislation, **"The SWAT Act"**, which will strengthen penalties for threats or hoaxes targeting schools. It makes it a serious federal crime to issue bomb threats, hoax emergencies, or other violent threats against any public, private, or religious school—from preschool through college and career programs. Violators could face fines and up to twenty years in prison, whether the threats are made in person, through the mail, online, or by phone. The goal is to crack down on "swatting" and protect students, teachers, and school communities.

We have seen a dramatic increase in these crimes. They interrupt the learning process, traumatize our children, and divert police resources. Existing statutes are not deterring these events. Your bill will provide such a deterrent, and hopefully, end or drastically reduce such crimes.

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.

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

Very Respectfully,


Sam A. Cabral
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