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The Honorable Nancy Mace [R]
U.S. House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Mace:

The I.U.P.A. is proud to announce our support for “**FETCH Act of 2026**”, the Federal Enhancement for Tactical Canine Help.

As you know, the I.U.P.A. represents active duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Police K-9 units are among the most effective and versatile tools available to law enforcement today. These highly trained teams play a critical role in narcotics detection, explosives identification, suspect apprehension, and search and rescue operations. Quite simply, they save lives—both for officers and the communities they serve.

Despite their value, many agencies face ongoing challenges in funding the purchase, training, equipment, and long-term care of these animals. The FETCH Act provides a practical and responsible solution by clarifying and expanding the use of existing federal grant funds to support K-9 programs.

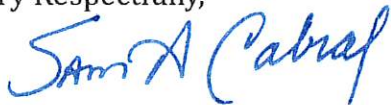
This legislation is not about creating new bureaucracy. It is about removing barriers and ensuring that departments can fully utilize resources already available to them. Importantly, the bill also recognizes the full lifecycle of these service animals, including the often-overlooked costs associated with their medical care and retirement.

Supporting K-9 units is a direct investment in public safety, officer protection, and operational effectiveness. The FETCH Act reflects a commonsense approach that strengthens law enforcement capabilities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and for your continued support of the men and women in law enforcement.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this bill signed into law during this Congressional session.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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