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The Honorable Christopher Coons [D]  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am proud to support your timely and needed legislation, **S. 825, "Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 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.

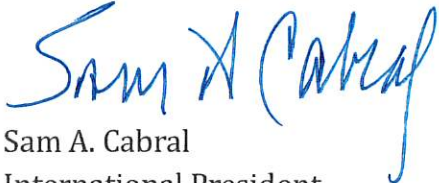
This legislation mandates the Attorney General to develop a program for providing treatment for PTSD and acute stress disorder to public safety officers, such as police, firefighters, EMTs, and 911 dispatchers. The bill acknowledges these officers' higher risk of developing such disorders due to their job-related trauma and proposes making state-of-the-art, trauma-informed care accessible to them. The Attorney General must produce a report with proposed programs, draft necessary grant conditions, and suggest legislative language to enable these programs within 150 days of enactment. It also emphasizes stakeholder consultation to effectively implement the necessary support infrastructure at various governmental levels.

Our officers are in far more danger of experiencing psychological trauma than they are physical injury. We have far more suicides than line of duty deaths. I am reminded of the recent events involving the murder of young children in Shreveport, Louisiana. The officers

at that crime scene will never be able to erase those images from their minds, never. They need critical assistance to allow them to live with those horrifying images.

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

Very Respectfully,

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

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