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The Honorable Pat Tiberi  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Tiberi:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), I am proud to add our name to those who support HR 1546, **"The Better Protecting Children in Schools Act of 2013."**

As you know, the IUPA represents more than 100,000 active duty rank and file Law Enforcement Professionals across the nation. Many of our members reside and serve in the Great State of Ohio.

This important legislation is a common sense way to get Police Officers into our schools in a productive manner. There was a similar program in the 70's and 80's in California, where Peace Officers who obtained state issued teaching credentials were employed by the school districts instructing in civics classes. The program was called "Student and the Law." It was a resounding success, providing the school with a trained security advisor as well as another teacher. It was also a successful community relations program that introduced troubled students to Law Enforcement Personnel in an environment that was not related to enforcement activities.

The additional tax exemption will provide an incentive for Law Enforcement Officers to participate and additionally, to further their education in an effort to do so.

We salute you for having the foresight to conceive such legislation and to bring it to the forefront. We also look forward to working with you and your staff to see this bill move forward and, hopefully be signed into law during this 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Very Respectfully,

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Legislative Director