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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, I am proud to add our name to those who endorse your critical legislation, S. 125, the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015."

Too many of our law enforcement members are killed by gunfire each year. Those numbers can and have been greatly reduced by the use of body armor. Sadly, there are still a lot of agencies and men and women who cannot afford to provide these life-saving pieces of equipment and tragically, some of those men and women will die as a result. The notion that men and women go out each day, into harm's way without something so critical due to financial limitations is unconscionable.

Your legislation will assist those departments in providing for this critical piece of equipment and will, without any doubt, save lives.

I applaud your thoughtfulness in introducing this bill and look forward to working with you and your staff to make its passage a reality.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President