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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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The Honorable Jackson H. Miller
Delegate, House District 50
General Assembly Building, Room 720
Capitol Square
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Delegate Miller:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (I.U.P.A.), I am writing to endorse and support your thoughtful legislation, HR 2043 "Law-Enforcement Officer; Public Release of Identifying Information, etc."

As you know, the I.U.P.A. represents more than 100,000 active duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals across this nation as well as in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Many of our members serve in Virginia to include the areas of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Alexandria, and Fairfax County. They all join us in supporting this Bill.

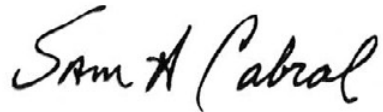
This needed Bill prohibits the release to the public of any identifying information of a law-enforcement officer who is the subject of an official investigation that involves the discharge of a firearm or use of force by such a law-enforcement officer during the performance of his official duties prior to the conclusion of such official investigation or the conclusion of the first six months of such investigation.

We know of no compelling need for the public to be given the name of law enforcement officers involved in critical incidents. With the proliferation of social media and search engines, the publication of the officer's name can give rise to information that would reveal his home address, his wife's employment, the school his children attend, and a myriad of other personal information that could be used

to do harm to him or to his family. It is simply a matter of public curiosity being outweighed by the negative consequences, which could result from such disclosure.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to bring this needed and critical legislation forward.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

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