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THE ONLY UNION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Dear Senator Toomey:

The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (I.U.P.A.) represents more than 100,000 active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel across this great nation as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands including members in the Great State of Pennsylvania. Chartered in 1979, we are the only AFL-CIO International Union specifically commissioned to represent these brave men and women. We work tirelessly with our locals to enhance the safety, working conditions and administrative protections for our members. We frequently seek legislation to serve these purposes.

You have always been a strong advocate for our nation's first responders. While many elected officials drape themselves in the mantle of "law and order", you have stood out as a steadfast supporter of the men and women who provide for the public safety. It is not a campaign slogan for you, but a promise – a promise you have always kept.

You led the successful efforts to block the nomination of Debo Adebile to head the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice after you learned of Adebile's attempts to distort the facts surrounding the brutal murder of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner by Mumia Ab-Jamal.

You introduced the **Thin Blue Line Act** which makes the killing or targeting of a first responder an aggravating factor in Federal death penalty determinations.

You co-sponsored the **Rafael Ramos and Wenjain Liu National Blue Alert Act**, providing nationwide alerts when police are threatened or attacked.

You co-sponsored the **Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act**.

You introduced the **Federal Law Enforcement Self-Defense Protection Act** ensuring that law enforcement officers on furlough maintained their rights to carry firearms for their protection.

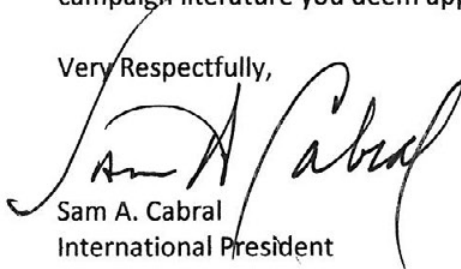
You authored legislation that provides pepper spray for federal corrections officers and another to allow federal corrections officers to carry firearms to and from their workplace.

You have demonstrated a sensitivity and concern for the families of fallen officers by introducing legislation that became law, exempting from federal taxes, the death benefits of officers killed in the line of duty. You also were the lead Republican sponsor of legislation that provided Pell Grant Scholarships for the children of fallen officers.

The continuing efforts you have made on behalf of the brave men and women in law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel are testimony to your commitment to advocate for first responders everywhere and we both acknowledge and appreciate it. It does not seem enough to say "Thank you".

We are proud to endorse your campaign for re-election to the United States Senate and look forward to working with you and your staff during the 115th Congress to improve the working conditions, safety and future of first responders, their families and their survivors. Please feel free to use our name in any campaign literature you deem appropriate.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

Sam A. Cabral
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