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The Honorable David Dreier
233 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Officers (I.U.P.A.) I am proud to add our name to those supporting the "Peace Officers Justice Act," H.R. 2363.

As you know, the I.U.P.A. represents more than 110,000 active-duty rank and file law enforcement officers across this great nation. In an average year, about 160 police officers are killed in the line of duty. Many of those killed are murdered, several by suspects who then flee the country. I am certain you also know that Mexico will not extradite killers who flee to that nation.

Your bill is a step in protecting our law enforcement officers and exacting justice from their killers should they ever return to this country and be convicted of their crimes.

I look forward to working with you and your staff to bring this critical piece of legislation forward. If there is anything the I.U.P.A. can do in this regard, I hope you will feel free to call on us.

Very Respectfully,

Dennis J. Slocumb
International Executive Vice President