

## INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Honorable Kevin Brady United States House of Representatives 1011 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Brady:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (I.U.P.A.), I am proud to add our name to those supporting H.R. 3934, "Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2019".

The 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 the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Many of our members serve the people of the Great State of Texas.

About one third of public employees have pensions outside of Social Security. Many of these brave men and women, however, have qualified for Social Security through outside employment and extra jobs. These employees will not be paid the full amount they have, due to the current provisions of the Social Security Act. This has a negative financial impact on the men and women who so selflessly protect us throughout their difficult careers.

Your critical legislation removes this reduction fair payment of earned Social Security benefits for our nation's first responders. I look forward to working with you and your staff to finally see this unfair penalty lifted from those who provide for the public's safety. It is a remedy that is long overdue and manifestly deserved.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this vital legislation become law.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral

International President