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The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald
U.S. House of Representatives
1507 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, I am pleased to announce our support of your critical legislation, **H.R. 3269**, the “**Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act**”.

Currently, many of our “less than lethal” devices are mistakenly categorized as firearms. These devices are used in lieu of deadly force and allow us to end serious threats in a less than lethal manner. Unfortunately, but understandably, their method of deployment causes this outdated categorization.

Your legislation will redefine these devices as “less than lethal” if they are unlikely to cause death.

We are constantly developing tools that allow our officers to end life threatening scenarios without serious injury to the perpetrator. These tools facilitate that aim and make these tools more available to the officers, saving their lives and the lives of others.

We look forward to its passage.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
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