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The Honorable Wilton Simpson
President, Florida State Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street Room
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The Honorable Chris Sprowls
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
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Dear President Simpson and Speaker Sprowls:

I am writing on behalf of the International Union of Police Associations. We represent thousands of law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Thousands of our members protect the people of Florida.

I am writing to urge you to pass **Senate Bill 62, "Relief of Maury Hernandez by the Department of Corrections"**.

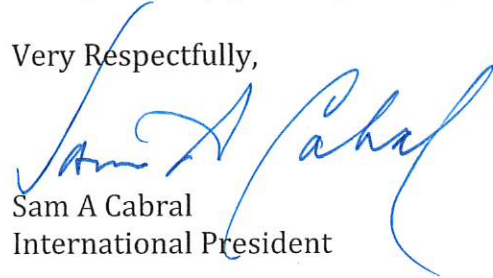
In 2007, Deputy Hernandez, with the Broward Sheriff's Office, was shot in the head and critically wounded while performing his duties. The shooting would never have happened, had the Department of Corrections not been negligent in performing their duties and addressing the suspect's numerous probation violations. Had they adhered to their own rules and procedures, this suspect would have been incarcerated rather than roaming the streets, illegally armed with a 45 caliber handgun and willing and able to attempt to kill Deputy Hernandez.

As a direct result of that negligence, Deputy Hernandez's life has been forever altered. After three weeks in a coma, he spent months of hospitalizations and years in an in-patient rehabilitation center. This until his insurance provider discontinued payment to his providers, leaving him with far less medical assistance and care than he requires. He is permanently and tragically disabled.

While he cannot be made whole, he is manifestly deserving of compensation to assist in his rehabilitation, adaption of his environment to the special needs he now has due to his injuries, and compensation for his lost income and catastrophic life changes.

It is, quite simply, the right thing to do.

Very Respectfully,



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