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Wayne Bernoska, President
I.A.F.F. Florida State Association
343 West Madison Street
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Dear Sir:

As you know, the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO represents rank and file law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thousands of our members serve the people of Florida. Our Local, 6020, represents deputies and sergeants in the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

In 2011, as you also know, the Florida Retirement System increased the number of years of credible service law enforcement officers and firefighters must work to receive their pension from 25 years to 30 years. We, along with Local 6020, have been reaching out to legislative leaders to try to reverse that increase. We are also seeking a cost of living adjustment for public safety personnel collecting a pension. Thus far, we have received responses indicating that many are open to this change. Local 6020 leadership has also been in conversation with I.A.F.F. Local 4321 and they have agreed to assist in advocating for this much-needed change.

I am hopeful that the State I.A.F.F. can come aboard and urge their locals and International Union to assist. I also intend to ask for the assistance of the State AFL-CIO in this worthwhile endeavor.

I appreciate any consideration you can give to this matter and look forward to working with you and your staff to see a bill introduced and moved forward to accomplish this goal.

Fraternally,

Sam A. Cabral
International President

CC: Matthew Cowart, President of Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association, #6020