



I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS
BROWARD DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
THE VOICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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Representative Mike Caruso, Florida House of Representative for District 87

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The International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) Local 6020, the union representing the Department of Law Enforcement Deputies and Sergeants for the Broward County Sheriff's Office, currently represents approximately 1200 members. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 endorses your legislative efforts in House Bill 269. House Bill 269 seeks to make it a third-degree felony if an individual projects hateful images onto private property, stalks or harasses someone based on their religious attire, or blocks access to places of worship, such as churches and synagogues.

The passage of House Bill 269, will provide an appropriate penalty for those who seek to victimize members of the public based on their religious affiliation. House Bill 269 will provide victims protection against these heinous and hateful acts. House Bill 269 will provide law enforcement the authority to ensure those who do so seek to commit these heinous acts are held accountable.

The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 looks forward to working with you on this matter and extends all available resources at its disposal to assist with the passage of House Bill 269.

Respectfully submitted,

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