



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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Senator Tina Polsky, Florida State Senator for District 30

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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 Senate Bill 174 and your legislative efforts for the proposed change to Florida state statute 365.16, Obscene or Harassing Phone Calls. The proposed change seeks to remove verbiage that requires a person receiving a harassing phone call to be in a location where they have a reasonable expectation of privacy and to increase the penalty of violating the statute to a felony. The current verbiage leaves those who work with the public vulnerable to harassing phone calls.

The change to the Florida state statute will protect the general public of the great state of Florida from those seeking to harass and cause distress to another human being. Public officials who work out of a public office open to the general public will also be protected with the suggested change to the Florida state statute. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 looks forward to working with you on this matter and extends all available resources at it's disposable to assist with passage of Senate Bill 174.

Respectfully submitted,

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