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Dear Representative,

On behalf of more than 500,000 postal employees, who are a critical part of the \$1.4 trillion mailing industry, which employs 7.5 million Americans in total, we are disappointed by your recent vote for the Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act of 2018/the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018 (H.R. 5788), in its amended form.

As introduced, H.R. 5788 was a reasonable measure that could aid in the fight against illicit opioids. However, two last-minute amendments, one accelerating the timeline to which USPS must require its customers to provide advanced electronic data (AED) and the other imposing financial penalties on the agency when their customers fail to meet the timeline, make the legislation unacceptable. These unreasonable amendments were made at the behest of private shippers whose goal is to damage the Postal Service's competitive position in international shipping.

Moving forward, as employees of the Postal Service that are directly impacted by any legislation affecting our employer, we hope that you and your staff will discuss such legislation with us – before and after it is introduced, and certainly before voting or co-sponsorship decisions are made.

We remain committed to working with you and your colleagues in fighting this epidemic and we encourage you and your staff to reach out so that we might be able to provide our input on postal matters.

Sincerely,

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