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Dear Senator,

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 urge you to address deficiencies contained in the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018 (S. 3057), which is being considered by the Senate.

The opioid epidemic that is plaguing our nation touches every part of the country. It has certainly afflicted the families and friends of U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employees. We take this issue very seriously and we are fully committed to working with Congress to solve this problem any way we can.

When H.R. 5788, the House companion bill to S. 3057, was first introduced, it was a reasonable and acceptable measure that would aid in the fight against illicit opioids. However, a manager’s amendment drafted at the behest of private shippers who want to damage the Postal Service’s competitive position in international shipping, made unacceptable changes to the final bill, which are now present in S. 3057 as well.

Specifically, subjecting the Postal Service or its customers to civil penalties found in Section 7 of the bill, given the constraints imposed on the USPS by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) conventions is unacceptable. Given these constraints, it is also not reasonable to halve, from four years to two, the amount of time the Postal Service has to reach 100 percent compliance with the AED mandate found in Section 3. Therefore, we respectfully request that you eliminate those provisions before supporting this measure.

The postal workforce remains committed to working with you and your colleagues in fighting this epidemic and hope that you will address the issues in this bill or oppose it when it comes to a vote if the final product does not address the concerns above.

Sincerely,

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