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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 oppose the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6), 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.

Throughout House and Senate consideration of the STOP Act of 2018 (H.R. 5788/S. 3057), we expressed concerns with bill language subjecting the Postal Service or its customers to civil penalties and halving the time Postal Service has to reach 100 percent compliance with the AED mandate, both outlined in our June 26, 2018 letter – those concerns remain unaddressed. Such language is still present in H.R. 6 under Title VIII Subtitle A.

The U.S. Postal Service is at a critical juncture and faces serious financial issues that could be addressed in a way that strengthens the service it provides to Americans. Rather than address these issues, some have used them to put forth an agenda to privatize the Postal Service. The passage of this bill as written would only fuel the efforts of those seeking to dismantle and privatize this constitutionally-mandated establishment of the federal government and the nation’s most treasured federal agency.

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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