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Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries,

Last year, both Congress and the White House rightly acted to close the *de minimis* trade loophole that enabled millions of uninspected, tariff-dodging packages into the United States each day, unfairly undermining American workers and producers while also facilitating the shipment of illegal and toxic products like fentanyl and fentanyl precursors directly to Americans' doorsteps, poisoning our communities.

As such, we are deeply troubled by the so-called *Secure Revenue Clearance Channel Act (H.R. 7224)* introduced by Reps. Carol Miller and Don Beyer in January, which would resurrect the underlying problems associated with the *de minimis* trade loophole our coalition worked so hard to close. We specifically urge you to oppose this damaging legislative proposal.

If enacted, this ill-conceived legislation would create a work around to the *de minimis* closure by:

- *Jumpstarting new tariff dodging.* The bill would give importers the discretion to reduce tariffs applied to millions of individual foreign shipments each day —at rates sometimes far lower than general duties combined with the reciprocal and penalty tariffs currently applied to the vast majority of imports. It would also reduce reporting requirements that would enable additional tariff dodging.
- *Reopening the floodgates to dangerous imports.* By once again exempting millions of daily packages from full normal customs reporting requirements, the bill would aid smugglers attempting to sneak fentanyl, fentanyl precursors and other illicit goods into the United States, undoing the important progress made to close this pathway to narcotrafficking and unethical and unsafe products that endanger our communities.

Despite its misleading name, H.R.7224 would also reduce revenue coming into U.S. coffers, negatively impacting the federal budget deficit. In December 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported it had already collected over \$1 billion in duties from more than 246 million low-value shipments since *de minimis* had begun being phased out in May of that year. That revenue supply to the U.S. Treasury would be seriously curtailed should this legislative proposal move forward.

Since *de minimis* ended, low-cost shipments into the United States have been required to enter under a system that is fair, transparent and enforceable. Let's not reverse that. The *Secure*

Revenue Clearance Channel Act is detrimental to American workers and producers and deadly to American communities ravaged by fentanyl. We ask that you please do everything in your power to oppose this misguided legislation.

Sincerely,

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Coalition for a Prosperous America

Darling Fibers

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Facing Fentanyl Now

Families Against Fentanyl

Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina

International Sleep Products Association

Lost Voices of Fentanyl

National Association of Police Organizations

National Bicycle Dealers Association

National Cotton Council

National Council of Textile Organizations

National Crime Prevention Council

National Treasury Employees Union

Reshoring Initiative

Uyghur Human Rights Project

Victims of Illicit Drugs, V.O.I.D.

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Workers United

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