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The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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RE: Attacks Against USPS Letter Carriers in Greater Cincinnati

Dear Attorney General Garland:

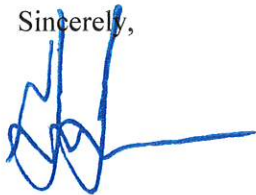
I write to express my deep concern over armed robberies and assaults against United States Postal Service (USPS) letter carriers in the greater Cincinnati area. Since January 2022, there have been 15 such attacks against letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 43. In many cases, criminals are targeting letter carriers for their arrow keys in order to gain access to the public's mail.

One instance includes the heinous attack last year against Norwood Post Office letter carrier Ryan Pierani – an eight-year employee of USPS who was robbed at gunpoint of his arrow key and cellphone. In addition to this attack, there have been four armed robberies out of the Groesbeck Post Office, four armed robberies out of the Mid City Post Office, two armed robberies out of the Norwood Post Office, two armed robberies out of the Corryville Post Office, and armed robberies out of the Taft Post Office, St. Bernard Post Office, and Western Hills Post Office.

Recently, I joined NALC Branch 43 at a rally in Cincinnati to raise awareness and speak out against these attacks on our letter carriers. While there may be no one single solution, these acts of violence must not be tolerated. As such, I request support from the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio to protect our letter carriers and hold accountable those who are perpetrating this violence. I urge the U.S. Department of Justice to utilize every available tool and resource to assure our letter carriers are safe and that those who harm them will be brought to justice.

I thank you for any support you may be able to provide in this matter, and I look forward to partnering with you as we work to keep our letter carriers safe.

Sincerely,



Greg Landsman
Member of Congress