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The Honorable Kevin McAleenan
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
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The Honorable James F. McDonnell
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Acting Secretary McAleenan and Assistant Secretary McDonnell,

I write to you today regarding a company in my district, TruBloc, and the work they have done to develop a deterrent to protect our first responders from the threat of secondary fentanyl exposure.

I understand you are meeting with TruBloc on July 23, 2019 to discuss their work. Ohio is currently at the epicenter of a devastating national opioid epidemic. In response, Ohio has launched one of the most aggressive and comprehensive efforts to reduce substance misuse and overdose deaths in the nation. In this effort, our law enforcement officers and first responders have been put in harm's way due to dangerous secondary exposure to substances such as fentanyl.

As they tell me, the team from TruBloc has developed a product, BLOC Encapsulation Device, to spray on suspicious substances to encapsulate the substance and prevent secondary exposure. This device assists law enforcement and first responders in avoiding exposure to dangerous substances such as fentanyl. The BLOC Encapsulation Device has already been deployed at departments of rehabilitation, corrections and state parole in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Louisiana, and Washington.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Zach Moses on my staff at 202-225-5731 or Zach.Moses@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your attention to and careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress