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Mr. James F. McDonnell Assistant Secretary, Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction U.S. Department of Homeland Security 301 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Mail Stop 0150 Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Assistant Secretary McDonnell:

I write today in support of TruBLOC LLC's efforts to assist in the fight against the opioid epidemic by protecting first responders. Innovative products, such as BLOC, can positively support first responders who frequently encounter fentanyl by neutralizing dangerous substances that threaten their safety and the communities they are serving.

As you know, the opioid epidemic has affected communities across the country, but few places have experienced this plague as severely as the communities I represent in Eastern and Southeastern Ohio. The first responders who put themselves in harm's way to protect their communities and save others should be given every resource to protect against exposure to deadly chemicals like fentanyl. TRuBLOC is one innovative technology that has been designed to encapsulate suspicious substances, limiting secondary exposure and cross-contamination.

I strongly support the proposed efforts by TruBLOC LLC to assist in the fight against the opioid epidemic with innovative technologies designed to enhance public safety. I appreciate your review and careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnson

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