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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
U.S Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Katko
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Grassley and Katko:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and more than 3,080 sheriffs nationwide, I write in support of the *Stop the Importation and Manufacturing of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2019* (SISMA), a bill that clarifies regulations for controlled substance analogues that are imported or offered for import. This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act by adding a sixth schedule of controlled substances: schedule A.

This bill would allow the Attorney General to make a temporary order to add a controlled substance to Schedule A if the Attorney General finds that adding the drug or substance would assist in preventing abuse of the drug or another substance. Additionally, it outlines penalties for anyone who commits a violation of the controlled substance under schedule A.

As leaders in the law enforcement community, sheriffs are always actively seeking to monitor and consider multi-drug use policies to help keep communities safe. The *Stop the Importation and Manufacturing of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2019* places sensible regulations on imported substances to help address issues related to public health and public safety. This bill would significantly aid law enforcement in their efforts to combat illegal substance importation.

We appreciate your commitment to the law enforcement community, and for your work to help assist us in keeping our communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan F. Thompson".

Jonathan F. Thompson
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