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The Honorable Dean Phillips
United States House of Representatives
2452 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Phillips:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of H.R. 6852, the *Porch Pirates Act of 2022*.

This legislation would apply the penalties for the theft of USPS mail to the theft of parcels from commercial and private carriers. It would make theft of packages at a private home, distribution centers, in transport, or at drop-off boxes a federal felony.

NFIB research shows that increasing numbers of small businesses are selling products and services online, particularly as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter consumer shopping. Unfortunately, according to a recent study, 64% of Americans ordering online report having a package stolen in the last year.¹ H.R. 6852 is common sense legislation, modernizing federal law to reflect the importance of commercial and private carriers for many small businesses and consumers in modern interstate commerce.

NFIB supports H.R. 6852, the *Porch Pirates Act of 2022*, and appreciates your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kuhlman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Kuhlman
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¹ John Frank, *Denver Area Worst in U.S. for porch pirates, Study Suggests*, Axios (Nov. 29, 2021), <https://www.axios.com/local/denver/2021/11/29/denver-worst-package-thefts-porch-pirate>.