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Chairman James Comer
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Gerry Connolly
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Dear Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Connolly:

On behalf of the 50,000 members of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU) who work in postal processing and distribution centers across the country, I write in opposition to H.R. 2174, the Paycheck Protection Act, as it prohibits postal and federal unions from collecting dues through payroll deduction.

The legislation would create financial inefficiencies for postal and federal unions, making it harder for organized labor to advance the interests of our membership. The NPMHU protects workers' rights by representing them in day-to-day problems on the job, like discipline, violations of seniority, discrimination, or other management abuse, and addresses such work-place concerns as health and safety. We cannot effectively do so if our finances are undermined by limiting how we can collect dues from our members.

Our members voluntarily choose to join the Mail Handlers Union, as they understand the value of collective bargaining in order to achieve the American dream of better pay and benefits. Setting up automatic dues deduction is easier for our members. It allows them to easily budget these bimonthly payments, allowing them to account for expenses and manage their household budget. This is common sense, middle-class financial planning.

I urge you to oppose this bill as it comes for a markup before the Committee.

In Solidarity,

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