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On behalf of the members of the North Carolina State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 7184, the "Preventing Rogue Equipment for Synthetic Substances (PRESS) Act."

This legislation addresses a serious vulnerability in our current enforcement framework: the unchecked importation of pill press machines and unlisted precursor chemicals used to mass-produce counterfeit narcotics within the United States. Table-top pill presses capable of producing thousands of pills per hour have allowed cartels and transnational criminal organizations to shift from smuggling finished pills to manufacturing them domestically, increasing both the availability and lethality of these substances in our communities.

H.R. 7184 amends the Controlled Substances Act by providing federal prosecutors and law enforcement agencies with the authority to hold foreign entities accountable for intentionally importing pill presses and precursor chemicals for illicit drug manufacturing. Criminal organizations frequently exploit gaps in existing law by mislabeling equipment as innocuous machinery or furniture parts and reassembling the devices once they enter the country. By criminalizing the intentional importation of unlisted precursor chemicals and pill press-related equipment, this bill will strengthen our ability to disrupt drug supply chains before they reach North Carolina's neighborhoods and ultimately save lives.

On behalf of our members across the State of North Carolina, we thank you for your leadership on this important issue. If we can provide any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Chet Effler, State President