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The Honorable Jon Tester
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I am writing to thank you for your support of the Postal Police. As the president of the largest non-partisan professional association, representing more than 26,000 federal officers, I applaud your letter to the Post Master General and bringing to her attention the danger Postal Police Officers are placed in because of an outdated regulation. I am confident that Postal Service management will realize the danger that Postal Police officers are exposed to when traveling to and from work and will amend this dangerous policy.

As noted in your letter, on a daily basis, Postal Police Officers protect Postal facilities and employees. Postal Police no longer provide fixed post physical security, but instead, provide mobile patrol and surveillance in major metropolitan areas. Prohibiting the police officers from carrying a weapon off duty on Postal property forces them to be unarmed while in transit. When they conclude their tour of duty, they traverse these same urban areas unarmed. We have numerous examples of instances where Postal Police Officers have risked their lives in an unarmed status while assisting local police.

I have personally brought this to the attention of Chief Postal Inspector Guy Cottrell, and can only hope that your appeal to the Postmaster will be better heeded. In an era when ambushes of police officers are at an all-time high, having well-trained and committed off-duty Postal Police Officers protects them, other law enforcement officers and most importantly the general public.

Should you desire additional input from FLEOA, we stand ready to support and assist you in this effort to bring

Respectfully,

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