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To improve coordination and prosecution of organized mail theft and related fraud offenses, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to review and amend sentencing guidelines applicable to such offenses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mail Theft and Postal
5 Key Crime Prevention Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Mail theft, including theft involving collec-
2 tion boxes and cluster mailbox units, has increased
3 in communities across the United States.

4 (2) Organized criminal groups increasingly en-
5 gage in schemes involving stolen mail, postal keys,
6 counterfeit postal access devices, identity theft,
7 check fraud, bank fraud, and related financial
8 crimes.

9 (3) Theft, robbery, duplication, and unlawful
10 possession of postal keys and arrow keys pose sig-
11 nificant risks to the security and integrity of the
12 United States mail system.

13 (4) Mail theft and related fraud offenses impose
14 substantial financial and emotional harm on con-
15 sumers, small businesses, financial institutions, and
16 postal employees.

17 (5) Effective investigation and prosecution of
18 organized mail theft schemes requires coordinated
19 efforts among Federal, State, and local law enforce-
20 ment agencies.

21 (6) Enhanced coordination among prosecutors
22 and law enforcement agencies will improve the abil-
23 ity of the Department of Justice to investigate and
24 prosecute organized mail theft and related fraud of-
25 fenses.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 (1) organized mail theft and related financial
4 crimes are serious Federal offenses that threaten
5 public confidence in the United States mail system;

6 (2) the Department of Justice should prioritize
7 investigation and prosecution of organized mail theft
8 schemes, including offenses involving postal keys,
9 arrow keys, identity theft, check fraud, and bank
10 fraud;

11 (3) coordination among United States Attor-
12 neys' Offices, the United States Postal Inspection
13 Service, and other Federal, State, and local law en-
14 forcement agencies is essential to combating orga-
15 nized mail theft; and

16 (4) Federal sentencing policy should appro-
17 priately reflect the seriousness of offenses involving
18 stolen or counterfeit postal access devices and orga-
19 nized mail theft schemes.

20 **SEC. 3. COORDINATION OF PROSECUTION OF MAIL THEFT**
21 **OFFENSES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 35 of title 28, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 **“§ 551. Mail theft coordinator**

2 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Attorney General shall, in
3 consultation with the United States attorney for the dis-
4 trict, designate in each judicial district an assistant United
5 States attorney to serve as the Mail Theft Coordinator for
6 the district.

7 “(b) PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES.—A mail theft co-
8 ordinator shall have the primary responsibility for coordi-
9 nating and supervising the investigation and prosecution
10 of offenses involving—

11 “(1) theft or unlawful possession of postal keys
12 or locks under section 1704 of title 18;

13 “(2) theft or receipt of stolen mail matter
14 under section 1708 of title 18;

15 “(3) organized schemes involving mail theft,
16 identity theft, check fraud, bank fraud, or access de-
17 vice fraud facilitated through stolen mail; and

18 “(4) related conspiracy or fraud offense arising
19 from conduct described in paragraphs (1) through
20 (3).

21 “(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the respon-
22 sibilities described in subsection (b), each mail theft coor-
23 dinator shall coordinate, as appropriate, with—

24 “(1) the United States Postal Inspection Serv-
25 ice;

26 “(2) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

1 “(3) the Department of Homeland Security;
2 “(4) the Department of the Treasury;
3 “(5) State and local law enforcement agencies;
4 and
5 “(6) other relevant Federal agencies.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
7 for chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

“551. Mail theft coordinator.”.

9 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON ORGANIZED MAIL THEFT.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
11 of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Attor-
12 ney General shall submit to the Committee on the Judici-
13 ary of the House of Representatives and the Committee
14 on the Judiciary of the Senate a report regarding orga-
15 nized mail theft and related fraud offenses, including—

- 16 (1) trends in mail theft offenses;
17 (2) the number and type of prosecutions
18 brought under sections 1704 and 1708 of title 18,
19 United States Code, and related fraud statutes;
20 (3) coordination efforts among Federal, State,
21 and local law enforcement agencies;
22 (4) trends involving theft, robbery, manufac-
23 ture, duplication, or trafficking of postal keys, arrow
24 keys, or counterfeit postal access devices; and

1 (5) recommendations for improving prevention,
2 investigation, and prosecution of organized mail
3 theft offenses.

4 **SEC. 5. SENTENCING GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO MAIL**
5 **THEFT OFFENSES.**

6 Not later than May 1 of the first calendar year begin-
7 ning after the date of enactment of this Act, the United
8 States Sentencing Commission shall review and amend the
9 Federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements pro-
10 mulgated pursuant to section 994 of title 28, United
11 States Code, to ensure that the guidelines provide appro-
12 priate sentencing enhancements for offenses involving—

13 (1) the theft, robbery, possession, duplication,
14 manufacture, or trafficking of postal keys, arrow
15 keys, or counterfeit postal access devices;

16 (2) organized or large-scale mail theft schemes;

17 (3) offenses involving identity theft, check
18 fraud, bank fraud, or access device fraud facilitated
19 through stolen mail;

20 (4) offenses involving violence, threats, or rob-
21 bery targeting employees or contractors of the
22 United States Postal Service; and

23 (5) offenses involving theft of mail affecting
24 multiple victims or substantial financial loss.

1 **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
3 Act shall be construed to limit any authority otherwise
4 available to the Department of Justice, the United States
5 Postal Inspection Service, or any other Federal law en-
6 forcement agency.

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