

United States Senate

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Conyers
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers:

We write to follow up on a letter dated October 8th, to respectfully request that the House Judiciary Committee process the Transnational Drug Trafficking Act, H.R. 3380, during the current work period. The Senate passed the identical companion bill, S. 32, on October 7th, by Unanimous Consent, marking the third time that the Senate has passed this bill.

As you know, the importation of heroin and methamphetamine into the United States has increased dramatically over the past five years, contributing to high rates of addiction and overdose deaths, and devastating communities throughout the country.

On November 17th, the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control held a hearing on drug trafficking at the Southwest Border, which largely fuels the increased consumption of illicit drugs in the United States. The hearing underscored the critical need to provide the Justice Department with the necessary tools to aggressively prosecute international drug traffickers who pose a major threat to our country.

The Transnational Drug Trafficking Act does just that, by enabling the Justice Department to prosecute source-nation traffickers who: 1) have reasonable cause to believe that illicit drugs will be trafficked into the United States; and 2) traffic precursor chemicals used to make deadly drugs, such as methamphetamine, knowing that these drugs will be imported into the United States.

We urge your Committee to take swift action to process this bill, and ask that it be noticed for markup prior to the end of the year.

Sincerely,



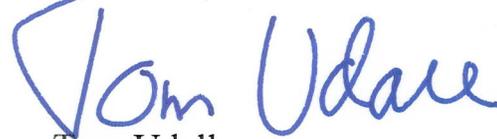
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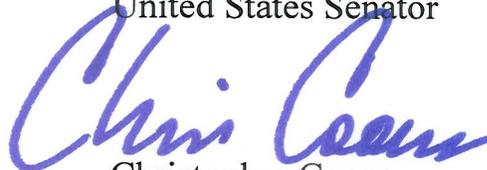
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