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November 21, 2022

The Honorable Anne Milgram
Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Administrator Milgram:

Committee Republicans are continuing to investigate how Biden Administration policies have created the worst border crisis in American history. Recent years have seen record-shattering trafficking of deadly narcotics like fentanyl across the border and unprecedented levels of fentanyl-related deaths in the U.S. Despite requesting information from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), to date, we have not received a response. As we look to the 118th Congress, Committee Republicans intend to continue prioritizing this investigation. It is important that the American people, and their elected lawmakers, understand the role Biden Administration policies have played in fueling the border and fentanyl crises, and what the Administration's plan is, if any, to reverse course and resolve the situation. We therefore reiterate our previous requests for information.

On January 11, 2022, we requested information from DEA regarding the Biden Administration's policies that have exacerbated the fentanyl crisis.¹ DEA failed to respond. Committee Republicans refuse to stand by as the Biden Administration's lack of border enforcement and drug cartels destroy and take the lives of hundreds of Americans every day. President Biden's failed policies have put our country on a path to destruction with increased fentanyl deaths, increased crime, and a broken border. The American people have a right to know that their taxpayer dollars are fighting this deadly synthetic opioid crisis caused by this Administration's broken border policies.

The DEA possesses information critical to this investigation. We look forward to working with your office to deliver the information we requested in our prior letter. Please provide the information requested in our prior correspondence, and prioritize the following requests for production, covering the time period January 20, 2021 to the present, as soon as

¹ Letter from James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, et. al. to Anne Milgram, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, (Jan. 21, 2022) available at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Letter-to-DEA-re-Fentanyl.pdf>.

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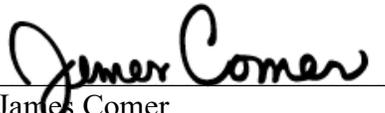
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possible but no later than December 5, 2022:

1. All documents and communications related to how the Biden Administration's immigration policies have affected the trafficking of illicit drugs such as fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances crossing the U.S. southern border;
2. All documents and communications regarding cooperation between DEA and other federal agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations to stop the flow of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances crossing the U.S. southern border both at and in between U.S. ports of entry;
3. All documents and communications containing any analysis of how COVID-19 related lockdowns contributed to the increased use and trafficking of illicit fentanyl, fentanyl-related substances, and other dangerous drugs;
4. All documents and communications regarding how DEA has addressed the illegal purchase and distribution of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances through online marketplaces and dark web marketplaces; and
5. All documents and communications related to DEA's current counternarcotic efforts with the People's Republic of China to reduce the manufacture and export of illicit fentanyl, fentanyl-related substances, and precursor chemicals directly from China to the U.S., Canada, and/or Mexico.

To schedule the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican Staff at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



James Comer

Ranking Member

Committee on Oversight and Reform

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform