

## Families Impacted By Fentanyl Unite at Congressional Hearing

The CCP's role in the Fentanyl Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES, April 15, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Tuesday, April 16th, at 8:00 a.m., Facing Fentanyl, a grassroots organization dedicated to warning Americans about the dangers of illicit fentanyl, is attending a hearing with families from across the nation to be held by the <u>China Select Committee</u>. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) will host the hearing revealing a new investigation into the Chinese Communist Party's



involvement in fueling the fentanyl crisis in the United States.

The bipartisan findings will shed light on the extent of CCP complicity and the motives behind it.

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- The Honorable William P. Barr, 77th and 85th United States Attorney General
- $\cdot$  Mr. Ray Donovan, former Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Agency
- · Mr. David Luckey, RAND Corporation

Jaime Puerta

Following the proceedings, families will hold a press conference to address the investigation's outcomes and

issues related to the fentanyl crisis, facilitated by Facing Fentanyl, a group dedicated to tackling illicit fentanyl issues and seeking solutions.

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Fentanyl drug poisonings are a leading cause of death for Americans ages 18-45, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC estimates that over 110,000 people in the U.S. died from drug overdoses in 2022. Almost 70% of these deaths were caused by Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.

Fentanyl is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. Fentanyl is added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, making drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

Illegally made Fentanyl and its precursors smuggled from China are undetectable by taste, smell, or sight. It is available on the drug market in different forms, including liquid and powder. It is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into fake pills that resemble other prescription opioids. Powdered Fentanyl looks just like many other drugs. Fentanyl-laced drugs are deadly, and many people may be unaware that their drugs contain Fentanyl.

In today's drug market, it is of the utmost importance to assume that any drug not prescribed to you by a doctor and not purchased at a legitimate U. S. pharmacy contains Fentanyl.

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