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Administrator Anne Milgram
Drug Enforcement Administration
8701 Morrisette Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

Dear Administrator Milgram,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the alarming reports of fentanyl-laced pills being sold to minors through social media platforms. These stories are not only deeply troubling but also pose a significant threat to the health and safety of our children. Illicit drugs being sold to kids through social media platforms has the potential to exacerbate the ongoing opioid crisis and inflict irreparable harm on the future of our country.

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting over 36,000 deaths in the United States in the last year alone due to synthetic opioids like fentanyl, it is imperative that we protect our children so this number does not grow.

I urge the DEA to expand specialized cyber investigations efforts to monitor, disrupt, and shut down all online networks that are facilitating the sale of fentanyl and its analogs. Additionally, the DEA should work with every social media platform to develop stringent policies and technologies that can swiftly identify and remove any illicit drug-related content that can serve as a powerful deterrent.

We must act as quickly as possible to stop online fentanyl sales to our children. Our children are our future, and keeping them safe should be our top priority. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder
Member of Congress