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To require a GAO study on the sale of illicit drugs online, and for other purposes.

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Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “Targeting Online Sales
5 of Fentanyl Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON THE SALE OF ILLICIT DRUGS ON-**
2 **LINE.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall conduct a study on the online sale of fentanyl,
5 synthetic opioids, and methamphetamine, including—

6 (1) business models employed by online sellers
7 of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and methamphet-
8 amine, including an examination of supply chains,
9 logistics, and strategies utilized for customer acquisi-
10 tion, retention, and communication within illicit on-
11 line marketplaces;

12 (2) utilization of online illicit drug markets and
13 providers (as defined in section 2258E of title 18,
14 United States Code) for facilitating financial trans-
15 actions in the online sale of fentanyl, synthetic
16 opioids, and methamphetamine, with a particular
17 focus on their impact on individuals who are 18
18 years of age and younger;

19 (3) efforts of the Federal Government to com-
20 bat the online sale of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and
21 methamphetamine, including—

22 (A) interagency collaboration, including
23 personnel detailed to other agencies to support
24 efforts to combat the online trafficking of
25 fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and methamphet-
26 amine, and related illicit finance;

1 (B) intergovernmental collaboration be-
2 tween the Federal Government and State, Trib-
3 al, local, and foreign governments;

4 (C) intersectoral collaboration with the pri-
5 vate sector, including businesses and non-gov-
6 ernmental organizations;

7 (D) examination of existing procedures fol-
8 lowed by Federal law enforcement agencies in
9 handling cases related to online sales of
10 fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and methamphet-
11 amine, encompassing the receipt, investigation,
12 and prosecution processes;

13 (E) analysis of aggregated outcomes from
14 the past 10 years to identify patterns and areas
15 for improvement; and

16 (F) identification of gaps or resource defi-
17 ciencies in coordinating and collaborating activi-
18 ties described in subparagraphs (A) through
19 (E) to combat the online sale of fentanyl, syn-
20 thetic opioids, and methamphetamine;

21 (4) models utilized by providers, including ma-
22 chine learning, algorithmic technology, and data
23 analysis techniques, to effectively detect and combat
24 the sale of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and meth-
25 amphetamine on their platforms;

1 (5) enforcement mechanisms and processes em-
2 ployed by providers to penalize users involved in the
3 sale of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and methamphet-
4 amine, including user identification, verification pro-
5 cedures, and subsequent actions, such as account
6 suspension, reporting to law enforcement agencies,
7 and collaboration with legal proceedings; and

8 (6) analysis of referrals to the Federal Govern-
9 ment by providers detailing information about online
10 sales of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and methamphet-
11 amine, including—

12 (A) the number of referrals from providers
13 to the Federal Government;

14 (B) the number of referrals that were in-
15 vestigated by the Federal Government, includ-
16 ing the agencies involved in the investigation
17 and the outcome of the investigation;

18 (C) the number of referrals that resulted
19 in an arrest, prosecution, or conviction, includ-
20 ing the offense of the arrest, prosecution, or
21 conviction; and

22 (D) the number of referrals that were
23 shared by the Federal Government with a
24 State, Tribal, or local government, including a
25 law enforcement agency or prosecutor's office.

1 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
3 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report
4 containing all findings and determinations made in car-
5 rying out the study required under subsection (a).

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