

# SR-1

To recognize drug cartels involved in the illegal production and distribution of fentanyl as foreign terrorist organizations

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Fleming of Alabama submitted the following resolution;

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# RESOLUTION

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## SECTION 2.

Whereas the illegal production and distribution of fentanyl by drug cartels, which has resulted in over 100,000 deaths in the United States, poses a significant threat to national security and public safety.

Whereas drug cartels involved in fentanyl production and distribution, contributing to the tragic loss of 150 American lives daily due to direct complications related to overdoses, have demonstrated a willingness to use violence and intimidation tactics, resulting in the destabilization of the nation's youth.

Whereas the financial networks established by drug cartels engaged in fentanyl trade contribute to money laundering and corruption, undermining the integrity of financial systems and trade both nationally and internationally.

Whereas the international nature of drug cartels involved in fentanyl production necessitates a

comprehensive and coordinated approach by the federal government to combat their operations effectively.

Whereas recognizing drug cartels involved in fentanyl production and distribution as foreign terrorist organizations would enable the allocation of additional resources and legal tools to disrupt their activities and dismantle their networks within the United States.

Whereas the designation of drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations would enhance international cooperation and collaboration in intelligence sharing, law enforcement efforts, and diplomatic initiatives aimed at eradicating the fentanyl trade.

Whereas the designation as foreign terrorist organization would serve as a deterrent, imposing consequences on those involved in fentanyl production and distribution and dissuading others from engaging in similar illicit activities.

Whereas the designation of drug cartels involved in the fentanyl trade as foreign terrorist organizations would send a strong American message to other criminal organizations and countries supporting or tolerating these operations, leading to increased pressure and isolation of these illegal entities within and outside the United States.

Whereas recognizing drug cartels involved in fentanyl trade as foreign terrorist organizations would facilitate the freezing of their assets within the United States, and the imposition of economic sanctions, limiting their financial capabilities and disrupting their drug-trafficking operations.

Whereas the designation of drug cartels involved in fentanyl production and distribution as foreign terrorist organizations aligns with the United States's commitment to combating transnational organized crime and protecting the well-being of its citizens.

Whereas the distribution of illegally produced fentanyl within the United States, particularly by drug cartels engaged in its production and trafficking, can be recognized as a form of narcoterrorism, given the substantial harm inflicted upon American citizens, due to the widespread abuse and associated criminal activities tied to this potent synthetic opioid.

Whereas legislation should equate individuals involved in narcoterrorism, including those engaged in fentanyl production and distribution, to conventional terrorists, ensuring equal treatment in the eyes of

the law, due to the significant threat they pose to national security and public safety.

Resolved, That the Senate -

(1) recognizes drug cartels involved in fentanyl production and distribution as foreign terrorist organizations, prioritizing national security and public safety; (2) fosters international cooperation to combat transnational organized crime and illicit drug trade; and (3) approves the use and imposing of severe consequences, including asset freezing and economic sanctions, to deter and dismantle these entities, safeguarding the well-being of American citizens.