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Add at the end of division I the following:

TITLE IV—FENTANYL TRAFFICKING

SEC. 80401. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Illicit fentanyl is produced in foreign clandestine laboratories and trafficked into the United States in powder and pill form, and is primarily responsible for fueling the ongoing opioid crisis.

(2) In the 2020 National Drug Threat Assessment report, the Drug Enforcement Administration noted that Mexican cartels will remain the primary source of supply for heroin and finished fentanyl that is smuggled into the United States, using precursors primarily sourced from China.

(3) In August 2021, the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission reported that China remains the primary country of origin for illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances trafficked into the United States.
(4) The Drug Enforcement Administration assesses that Chinese traffickers have shifted from primarily manufacturing finished fentanyl to primarily exporting precursors to Mexican cartels, which manufacture illicit fentanyl and deliver the final product.

(5) United States law enforcement has seen a growing trend of Chinese nationals, in both Mexico and the United States, working with Mexican cartels.

(6) The Chinese Government has cooperated less with United States authorities on criminal and money laundering investigations, conducting joint operations, and United States requests for inspections and law enforcement assistance.

(7) Chinese brokers are laundering Mexican drug money through China’s financial system.

(8) In February 2020, the Department of the Treasury described Chinese money launderers as “key threats” and vulnerabilities in the United States financial system.

SEC. 80402. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) that all efforts to prevent illegal fentanyl from being smuggled into the United States should be pursued;
(2) to make efforts to expand collaborative efforts with Central and South American governments to counter money laundering between Chinese brokers and Mexican cartels;

(3) to empower the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to enhance the drug surveillance program of the Centers by—

(A) expanding such surveillance program to include all 50 States, the territories of the United States, and all Tribes and Tribal organizations;

(B) increasing and accelerating the collection of data on fentanyl, fentanyl-related substances, other synthetic opioids, and new emerging drugs of abuse, including related overdose data from medical examiners and drug treatment admissions and information regarding drug seizures; and

(C) using available and emerging information on fentanyl, fentanyl-related substances, other synthetic opioids, and new emerging drugs of abuse, including information from—

(i) the National Drug Early Warning System;
(ii) State and local public health authorities;

(iii) Federal, State, and local public health laboratories; and

(iv) drug seizures by Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, including information from the National Seizure System and the National Forensic Laboratory Information System of the Drug Enforcement Administration; and

(4) to make all possible efforts to increase information sharing between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and local governments related to fentanyl.

SEC. 80403. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs inflict tremendous harm on individuals, families, and communities throughout the United States;

(2) improper border security practices at the southern border of the United States and inadequate surveillance on illicit drugs allows China to successfully smuggle drugs and other contraband into the United States; and
(3) insufficient information sharing between Federal, State, and local agencies creates an inability to stop illicit drugs from coming into the United States.