Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-1504

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Dear Chairman Jordan and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for hosting today's hearing and for conducting important work to hold the Biden administration accountable to the American people. I appreciate your unwavering efforts to secure our southern border and reverse President Biden's failed border policies. I share this mission and pledge to work with you and the committee to protect our families and communities.

Currently, two pieces of legislation that I have introduced – H.R. 4904, the *Build the Wall and Fight Fentanyl Act*, and H.R. 661, *Sarah's Law* – have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee for further consideration. I believe that these bills can help restore order at our border, keep deadly fentanyl out of our communities, and hold illegal immigrants accountable for breaking our laws.

My Build the Wall and Fight Fentanyl Act represents a straightforward and commonsense solution to the border crisis. This legislation would use money confiscated from the drug cartels by our brave border patrol agents to finish construction on the border wall and fund fentanyl treatment services for our families and communities. More specifically, my bill would create two separate funds – the "Southern Border Wall Fulfillment Fund" and the "Combating The Fentanyl Epidemic Fund" – at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to deploy half of the confiscated funds to support the construction of the border wall and activate the other half of the funds to establish a grant program for fentanyl recovery services.

Sarah's Law would also achieve our shared goal of protecting lives and defending our families. Nearly eight years ago, an illegal immigrant who was driving while drunk struck and killed 21-year-old Sarah Root. Instead of being prosecuted for his crimes, the illegal immigrant posted bail, was released from custody, and never seen again. This legislation closes this awful loophole and ensures that illegal immigrants are held fully accountable for their actions and that those who break our laws are swiftly detained, punished, and deported.

I appreciate your consideration of these two legislative proposals and look forward to working closely with you to pass these bills out of Committee and on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. I am confident that these bills will help us secure our border for good.

Sincerely,

Randy Feenstra

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