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The Honorable William Brownfield
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Dear Ambassador Brownfield:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Fentanyl: The Next Wave of the Opioid Crisis."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Elena Brennan, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, and e-mailed in Word format to Elena.Brennan@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
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Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. Your written testimony notes that China has agreed to domestically control carfentanil. However, your testimony also states that the U.S. is requesting international control of carfentanil. What is the additional benefit of having carfentanil subject to international control in addition to Chinese government control?
2. Very recently, there was a Global Smart Update from the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, centered on fentanyl and its analogues. Are you familiar with this document?
 - a. If so, what significant findings does it provide for the U.S. regarding fentanyl?

The Honorable Ryan Costello

1. Currently, over 340 million packages come into the United States through the global postal system, via the United States Postal Service, without advanced electronic manifest data. Do you agree that this is a major security loophole, and a problem that needs to be fixed?
 - a. Would having this data better enable CBP and other agencies to detect and interdict dangerous and deadly drugs?
 - b. Do you believe foreign posts, like China Post, should be compelled to provide advanced electronic manifest data to the USPS, so the USPS can provide that data to CBP?