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Mr. David A. Prince
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Dear Mr. Prince:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat the Spread of Illicit Fentanyl." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

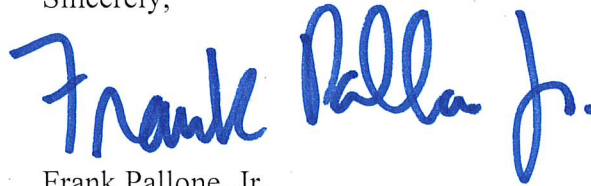
Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to the member who has submitted the questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions by no later than the close of business on Monday, September 23, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your responses, as well as the responses from the other witnesses appearing at the hearing, will all be included in the hearing record. Your responses should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided with this letter to Jourdan Lewis with the Committee staff (jourdan.lewis@mail.house.gov). A paper copy of your responses is not required. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Ms. Lewis at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Pallone, Jr." in a cursive style.

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment

cc: Hon. Greg Walden, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

Hon. Diana DeGette, Chair
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Hon. Brett Guthrie, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

**Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

**Hearing on
“Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat the Spread of Illicit Fentanyl”**

July 16, 2019

**Mr. David A. Prince, Deputy Assistant Director, Transnational Organized Crime,
Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security**

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. Freight forwarding of drug shipments may involve bundling or consolidating several kinds of items into one shipment. Is Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) using manifest data from consignment carriers about patterns of freight forwarding?
 - a. If so, what changes would you suggest?
2. How is the dark web more of a law enforcement challenge than rogue internet pharmacies on the open web?
3. How has the use of the dark web changed the way in which our intelligence and law enforcement communities have had to approach combatting narcotics, such as fentanyl?
4. What successes has HSI had in combatting the use of the dark web for the sale and purchase of fentanyl?
5. Many of the fentanyl sources operate on the dark web and use bitcoin for financing. Is the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration DEA or HSI seeing any evidence that credit card companies, consignment carriers, or domain registrars are accepting bitcoin as payment?
6. Are credit card companies, consignment carriers, and internet service providers (ISP) helping law enforcement to combat fentanyl trafficking on the dark web?
7. How have the dark web and crypto currency complicated attempts to target and shut down these supply chains? What is being done to overcome these difficulties?
8. How can data collection be improved to bolster your agency’s intelligence and ability to interdict packages or seize narcotics, such as fentanyl?