

**Opening Statement of Chairman Brett Guthrie
Subcommittee on Health
Markup of Three Pieces of Legislation
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

Good morning, and thank you, Chairman Griffith, for holding this important markup.

Today we are continuing the Committee's work to combat the threat of existing and emerging drug threats by advancing legislation that will help to keep illicit drugs out of our communities.

In 2025, DEA seized more than 47 million counterfeit pills containing fentanyl. Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose. That's a small enough amount to fit on the tip of a pencil.

Now, bad actors are using punches and dyes that imitate the markings of legitimate prescriptions like oxycodone, Xanax, and Adderall, to manufacture counterfeit pills in illicit labs. Over 98 percent of the pills seized and tested by DEA had fake pharmaceutical imprints.

These counterfeits are widely available due to criminal drug networks, and they are being falsely marketed as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.

The bills before us today take important steps to safeguard public health by equipping our law enforcement officials with the necessary resources to protect Americans from the threat posed by deadly counterfeit pills.

I appreciate the work that has gone into these bills already and look forward to continuing the process.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.