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CAFB Board of Directors
2600 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Directive to CAFB Board of Directors Regarding Fentanyl Issues in California

Dear President Johansson and CAFB Board of Directors,

Every single county in California has been impacted by Fentanyl, and those impacts continue to increase. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been ruined or lost from the use of this drug. In addition, a very large percentage of homelessness and other social detriments can be directly attributed to Fentanyl use.

This drug, mostly manufactured in China, is flowing into our country primarily from Mexico unchecked, because our nation's southern border is wide open. Every Farm Bureau family in California (and probably nationwide) has been affected directly by knowing/witnessing someone harmed by Fentanyl or indirectly from the significant local resources that get deterred to deal with the never-ending expansion of drug use.

For all these reasons, the County Farm Bureaus signing on to this proposal ask the CAFB Board to direct leadership and staff to¹:

(1.) Open a dialogue with the Governor's office and request that:

- the Governor provide adequate funds to county and state law enforcement agencies to stop the inter/intrastate flow of Fentanyl in California.
- he assists in seeking federal help to prevent Fentanyl from being transported across U.S. borders into the state.
- he supports expanded enforcement of known Fentanyl operations through amendments to current lackadaisical drug policies.

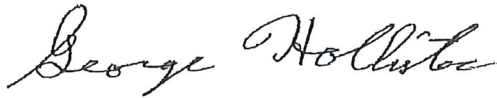
(2.) Begin to actively dialogue with the other state Farm Bureaus to collectively direct the American Farm Bureau Federation to similarly pressure the federal government to

¹ As supported by CAFB Policies, 440 and 552.

provide the necessary federal funds needed to prevent the flow of Fentanyl from across our national borders and via interstate transportation.

The consideration of this request is appreciated. Our communities, both rural and urban, need state leadership to know that Fentanyl is degrading our quality of life in California, and it should not continue to be ignored.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Hollister".

George Hollister
President
Mendocino County Farm Bureau

Attachment



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