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Chairman Click, Vice-Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer, and members of the House Community Revitalization Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 1. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the ADAMHS Board of Adams, Lawrence, and Scioto Counties. We are the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Adams, Lawrence, and Scioto Counties, and are statutorily empowered to establish, to the extent resources are available, a community support system, which provides prevention, treatment, support and rehabilitation services for our community.

I am submitting this testimony in support of SCR 1 and the proposal to call for congressional action on illicit fentanyl. Illicit fentanyl represents a threat to our communities. It is a synthetic opioid so potent that very small quantities can be fatal. Traffickers and criminal organizations are manufacturing and distributing it in quantities capable of harming millions, often disguising it within counterfeit pills and other illicit substances.

Unlike traditional narcotics, fentanyl's extreme lethality and ease of concealment make it capable of inflicting mass casualties with minimal resources. The widespread availability of precursor chemicals, largely produced abroad, enables bad actors to exploit this substance as a low-cost, high-impact weapon against civilian populations.

For these reasons, Congress should consider designating illicit fentanyl and its analogs as weapons of mass destruction under federal law. Doing so would enable a coordinated, interagency response—leveraging intelligence, homeland security, defense, and public health resources—to address this crisis with the urgency and authority it demands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony. If you have any questions about any of the information I have shared in this testimony, please contact me via email at sue_shultz@adamhsals.org or via phone at (740) 354-5648.

Respectfully

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