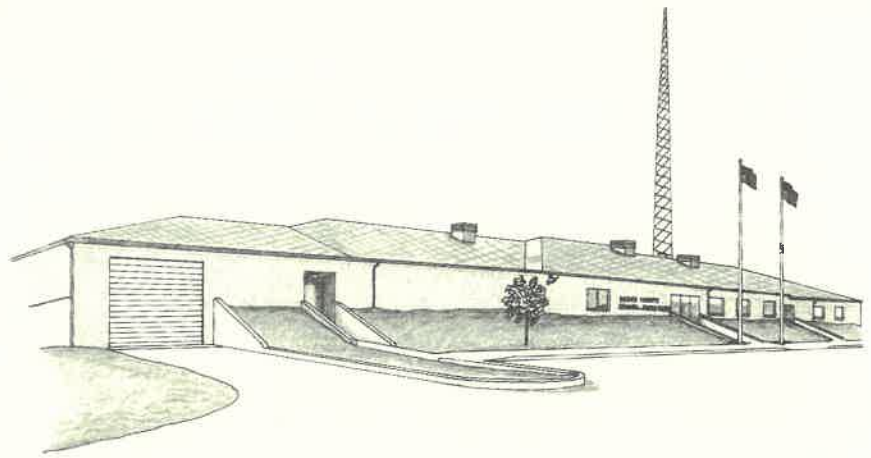


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Criminal Justice Committee

My name is Mark Whittaker, Sheriff of Darke County, Ohio and I am a proponent of House Concurrent Resolution 11.

In light of the U.S. House Select Committee's recently published report, it is time that the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party be recognized for their role in the illegal drug trade that has cost thousands of Americans their lives. This resolution clearly communicates this and calls on Congress to take appropriate action.

Darke County, Ohio has lost over 100 people directly to fentanyl overdoses. Fentanyl and other analog substances have devastated many lives in Darke County and across Ohio. I have observed firsthand the devastation that has occurred in my county. I support any measure that can have an impact on reducing substance abuse and overdose deaths in my community and the United States of America.

I urge the Ohio General Assembly to clearly communicate that the State of Ohio will not tolerate the Chinese state sponsored activities in proliferating the fentanyl drug trade.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Whittaker'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Whittaker,  
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