

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



January 10, 2025

The Honorable Mark Kelly
U.S. Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Senator Kelly:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 sheriffs and over 20,000 public safety professionals - including deputies, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officials across the United States – we write to support the Combatting Cartels on Social Media Act.

Drug cartels pose a grave and growing threat to public safety, using social media and other electronic platforms to traffic fentanyl and other illicit drugs into our communities. These criminal organizations exploit technology to expand their operations, recruit vulnerable individuals, and evade law enforcement, contributing to the devastating impact of drug addiction and overdose deaths nationwide.

We commend this bill for requiring the establishment of a Platform Safety Advisory Committee and the development of a National Strategy to Combat Illicit Recruitment Activity by Transnational Criminal Organizations on Social Media and Online Platforms. By engaging multiple stakeholders—federal, state, and local law enforcement, private service providers, and experts—this approach ensures a coordinated and comprehensive response to these critical threats.

Law enforcement needs every tool at their disposal to combat these criminal drug cartels and keep our citizens safe. Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and support of the nation's sheriffs. The NSA stands ready to support all efforts to advance this legislation as quickly as possible to help save American lives.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Sheriff Kieran Donahue.

Sheriff Kieran Donahue
Canyon County, Idaho
President
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A blue ink signature of Jonathan Thompson.

Jonathan Thompson
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