



March 17, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies across the country, we write to express our strong support for the *Combating Illicit Xylazine Act* (S. 545) and respectfully urge the Committee to advance the legislation.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide are increasingly encountering xylazine - a veterinary tranquilizer that traffickers are mixing with fentanyl and other illicit drugs. Its growing presence in the illicit drug supply complicates overdose response and creates new challenges for investigators, prosecutors, and first responders working to address the fentanyl crisis. Even as communities work to reduce overdose deaths, the emergence of substances like xylazine is making the illicit drug supply more dangerous and unpredictable.

Because xylazine is not currently scheduled under the Controlled Substances Act, law enforcement lacks critical tools to track its distribution and hold traffickers accountable. S. 545 would close this gap by placing xylazine in Schedule III, giving investigators the authority needed to disrupt trafficking networks while preserving legitimate veterinary uses.

The Combating Illicit Xylazine Act represents an important bipartisan step to address the growing presence of xylazine in the illicit drug supply. This authority will help investigators track the substance and disrupt the networks responsible for distributing it.

We respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance S. 545 and move this bipartisan legislation forward.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)

Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)

National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA)

National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)

National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)

National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA)

National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD