

## SRES 535

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]        | R · FL        |      | Jul 14, 2016 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]     | D · NH        |      | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]     | R · PA        |      | Sep 26, 2016 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME        |      | Sep 29, 2016 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Dec 7, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Expresses the sense of the Senate that:

- the use of illicit fentanyl in the United States and the resulting overdose deaths are a public health crisis;
- the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States, especially by transnational criminal organizations, is a problem that requires close cooperation between the U.S. government and the governments of Mexico and China; and
- all three such countries have a shared interest in, and responsibility for, stopping the production of illicit fentanyl and its trafficking into the United States.

Calls for the United States to:

- support the efforts by the governments of Mexico and China to stop such production and trafficking;
- take further measures to reduce and prevent heroin and fentanyl consumption through enhanced enforcement to reduce the illegal supply and increased use of evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and
- use its broad diplomatic and law enforcement resources, in partnership with the governments of China and Mexico, to stop such production and trafficking.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 7, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 707.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5171-5172)