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Give it a break, Cathy

Please CMR, stop with the TV ads. They are so erroneous and misleading. Fighting for this, fighting for that. How? Just blames the “open” southern border for flow of fentanyl. Here are some actual facts that are reality.

CMR says the drug is flowing like a river from the southern border as the drugs are mixed in with the migrants. Such lies and she knows it. I don't disagree that there are major problems at the southern border with the flow of migrants. But the migrants aren't carrying sacks of fentanyl. Nope.

Brian Sule the executive director of DHS transnational organized crime mission center, stated earlier this year, “We've seen some instances perhaps of migrants and drugs as a mixed event, but they are still rare.”

Customs and Border Patrol data from 2021 states that 96% of fentanyl seizures took place at legal ports of entry, versus just 4% between ports of entry. Meaning the borders between official border crossing areas. One of the largest ports of entry is at Long Beach. The majority of fentanyl comes from China and most of it comes through the thousands of Chinese containers flowing from Long Beach and other ports of entry.

U.S. Federal agencies have stated over and over again that migrants are rarely used as drug mules.

Source for these percentages come from the Cato Institute, which is a very libertarian think tank.

These are the true facts. Stop deceiving the public, Cathy.

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