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Senator David Brock Smith Applauds Coordinated Federal–Local Crackdown on Fentanyl Trafficking

SALEM, OR – Senator David Brock Smith issued the following statement today in response to the multi-agency enforcement actions targeting fentanyl traffickers operating in downtown Portland, and voiced strong support for expanding these efforts into public housing areas and treatment adjacent corridors to eliminate drug markets that have fueled a devastating rise in overdoses across the region.

“I commend the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the FBI, the Portland Police Bureau, and all participating federal and local partners for taking decisive action against drug traffickers from Honduras, Mexico, and elsewhere who have been preying on vulnerable Oregonians,” said **Senator David Brock Smith**. “These coordinated operations under federal prosecution demonstrate a clear commitment to saving lives, restoring safety, accountability, and order in areas that have been overwhelmed by fentanyl distribution and the violence, exploitation, and human suffering that accompany it.”

Federal and local law enforcement teams; supported by targeted investigations, undercover operations, and street level interdictions, have focused on dismantling networks of fentanyl pill dealers who have operated openly in downtown Portland. [Reports indicate](#) that traffickers have concentrated their activity near public housing complexes, addiction treatment centers, and bike path corridors, creating dangerous conditions for residents, families, and individuals seeking recovery.

Senator Brock Smith emphasized that these enforcement efforts highlight the urgent need for strong, unified public safety leadership.

“As the Senate Minority Member serving on Oregon’s Joint Ways & Means Public Safety Subcommittee, the former Co-Chair of the Council of State Governments–West Public Safety Committee, and a legislative leader in reforming/repealing Measure 110 to recriminalize the use of hard drugs in Oregon, I have consistently advocated for policies that strengthen enforcement, support victims, and hold criminals accountable,” said **Senator Brock Smith**. “The situation in downtown Portland has demanded exactly this kind of leadership and coordinated response. These traffickers are not casual offenders, they are merchants of death profiting from addiction, despair, and the loss of life in our communities.”

Senator Brock Smith noted that since the implementation of these federal-local law enforcement partnerships and strengthened border security, Oregon's overdose crisis; which escalated sharply from 2020 to 2024, has shown signs of decline beginning in 2025.

“The rise in overdoses is not an abstract statistic, it represents Oregonians whose lives have been cut short and families who are grieving unimaginable loss,” said **Senator Brock Smith**. “I am grateful to our federal agencies that have taken significant steps to stop the flow of these drugs into our country and communities, and to prosecute these criminals under federal law. I appreciate the coordinated partnerships between federal and local law enforcement agencies to disrupt these criminal networks, get these drug dealing criminals off our streets, save lives, and protect our communities. This is the type of focused, collaborative law enforcement Oregonians expect and deserve, and we should be expanding these coordinated efforts across the state and the country.”

Senator Brock Smith has introduced legislation to help address these issues and reaffirmed his commitment to [advancing bipartisan](#), results driven [public safety policy](#).

“We must continue strengthening our laws, improving interagency coordination, and ensuring our law enforcement agencies and justice system have the tools necessary to confront the fentanyl epidemic head on. I will continue working with colleagues across the aisle, across the West, and across the United States to support strategies that reduce trafficking, expand treatment pathways, and restore safety to our streets,” concluded **Senator David Brock Smith**.

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Senator David Brock Smith represents Senate District 1, which includes Curry, Coos and Douglas Counties, Southwest Oregon's Fish, Farm & Forestry District. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Senator David Brock Smith's office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd