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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

Through media reports, I have learned that you will be visiting the Pacific Northwest later this week. Infrastructure and rising costs are important priorities and I'm pleased that you will be discussing them while here, but a more immediate physical threat to residents in every single community throughout this region is the overdose epidemic that has been fed by the border crisis. **That's why I invite you to meet with one of the narcotics-focused law enforcement teams here in Southwest Washington to gain a deeper understanding of how Americans have been impacted by what's happening at our borders.**

For instance, your Drug Enforcement Administration has detailed how drug cartels are smuggling deadly fentanyl and other illicit poisons through the southern border and up the I-5 corridor into the Pacific Northwest. The Lewis County Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team shared with me in a recent meeting that **95% of the drugs it has confiscated have originated from Mexico.**

I am certain that a 30-minute meeting with one of these narcotics task forces would be an illuminating experience for you, and may well inform a change in your administration's policies at our borders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaime Herrera Beutler".

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress