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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Murray and Vice Chair Collins:

I write to you as you finish the final Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations bill ahead of the quickly approaching March 22nd deadline. I am concerned by reports that Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology has not yet been installed along the border. This technology is vital to combat fentanyl trafficking across our southern border, and we should not idly stand by when we have this technology at the border ready to be used but needing installation funding.

The President's national security supplemental request called for \$305 million for Non-Intrusive Inspection Systems, with a primary focus on fentanyl detection at ports of entry. This scanning technology allows Customs and Border Protection to x-ray cars and interdict fentanyl and ports of entry. According to Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Troy Miller, 95% of fentanyl seized at the border is brought through personal vehicles. Commissioner Miller just stated that there are screening machines are sitting in warehouses unused and uninstalled because Members of Congress played politics instead of passing this additional installation funding they need. This is a common sense step we can take right now to save lives. As fentanyl continues to flow across our southern border and devastate American communities – including in Minnesota's Second District – inaction is not an option.

I have repeatedly called for additional funding to restore order at the border and this technology is an important facet of that. If my Republican colleagues are serious about this issue, they'll support this critical funding – because keeping our constituents safe must come first. I have heard from too many families who have lost loved ones to the fentanyl crisis to stand by. I urge you to include funding for this fentanyl scanning technology in the final FY24 funding legislation. We must act.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress