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**PORAC Applauds Congressional Action on the *Combating Illicit Xylazine Act***

**Sacramento, CA** — Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to advance S. 545, the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act, marking an important step toward addressing a dangerous and rapidly emerging threat in the nation's illicit drug supply. On the same day, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on several bills targeting emerging illicit drug threats, including discussion of the House companion measure, H.R. 1266.

Brian R. Marvel, President of the [Peace Officers Research Association of California \(PORAC\)](https://www.porac.org), the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association nationwide, issued the following statement in response to today's vote:

"The rise of illicit fentanyl has already devastated communities across the nation, and the growing presence of xylazine in the drug supply makes this crisis even more dangerous and unpredictable. This legislation takes a critical step forward by giving federal authorities the tools they need to track, monitor and respond to the spread of xylazine before it becomes even more entrenched.

By classifying xylazine as a Schedule III substance and strengthening reporting and oversight, Congress is recognizing the urgency of this threat and acting to get ahead of it. On behalf of PORAC's 87,000 members, we thank the Senate Judiciary Committee for moving this bill forward and for its continued commitment to protecting public safety and saving lives."

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**About the Peace Officers Research Association of California:**

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. PORAC represents over 87,000 public safety members and over 960 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.