

## AG Fitch Helps Secure New Commitments from WeChat to Combat Fentanyl Money Laundering



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*Lynn Fitch*

**(Jackson, Mississippi)** Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that after months of pressure from a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general, WeChat has agreed to specific, enforceable commitments to help American law enforcement disrupt fentanyl-related money laundering on its platform.

“WeChat became a haven for bad actors to traffic drugs and launder money behind a screen,” **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. “Thanks to pressure from our bipartisan group, WeChat is working with law enforcement to end these criminal operations on their platform and coming to the table in order to protect American users and their privacy.”

In May, the [coalition sent WeChat a public letter](#) detailing evidence of the platform's role in facilitating the laundering pipeline and demanding concrete action within 30 days.

The letter and subsequent discussions led to commitments from WeChat to:

- Deploy tools to identify and report public and semi-public content matching patterns associated with money laundering and drug trafficking coordination — such as posts advertising broker services or soliciting bulk cash transactions.
- Comply with lawful requests for basic account information – WeChat ID, linked phone number, email address, and metadata - tied to specific law enforcement investigations.
- Respond to emergency and preservation requests from law enforcement within 48 hours.
- Preserve data requested by law enforcement for the duration of the relevant investigation or case.
- Maintain a dedicated law enforcement contact to process requests in a timely manner.

WeChat's Chinese-based sister app, Weixin, still operates under Chinese data privacy laws and does not currently respond to U.S. law enforcement requests. Closing that gap is the next priority, and the coalition of attorneys general is actively working on it.

Attorney General Fitch was joined in securing these agreements by the Attorneys General of South Carolina, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Kentucky,

and Colorado.

You can read the letter [here](#).

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