

### Investigation of "Drug Speculation" by "Gray Market" Drug Companies



In the 112th Congress, Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings [launched](#) an investigation into why hospitals and other health care providers have difficulty obtaining short-supply prescription drugs needed to treat patients suffering from cancer and other life-threatening conditions.

The investigation resulted in a bicameral [report](#) titled "Shining Light on the Gray Market," which exposed a network of private "gray market" companies that take advantage of the national drug shortage crisis to charge exorbitant prices for drugs used to treat cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Follow the links below to learn more about the investigation.

Five Things You Should Know:

1.

Ranking Member Cummings [highlighted](#) his [investigation](#) after the hearing
4.

The investigation [found](#) that “gray market” drug [companies](#) charge exorbitant prices to [acquire](#) pharmaceuticals
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Ranking Member Cummings [requested](#) internal documents from five “gray market” companies
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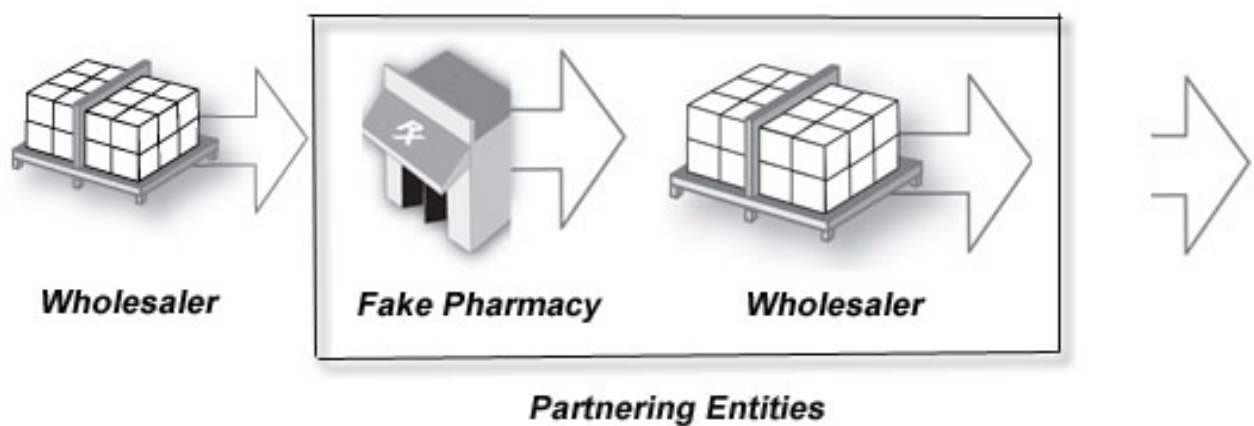
Ranking Member Cummings [introduced](#) legislation to reform gray market drug sales
3.

[joined](#) Senators Jay Rockefeller and

**How a Typical Drug Chain Should Work:**



**What Happens In the Gray Market:**



### Quick Links:

### Press Clips:

- [Watch](#) VIDEO CBS Baltimore -- Cummings Testifies on Drug Shortages on Capitol Hill
- [Read](#) AP Story on Cummings, Rockefeller, and Harkin Investigation
- [Watch](#) ABC World News Tonight story on "Fake Pharmacies"
- [Watch](#) NBC Nightly News Story on Cummings Gray Market Investigation
- [Watch](#) CBS Evening News Story on Cummings Gray Market Investigation
- [Read](#) AP Story -- Cummings Demands Action on Gray Market Drug Marketer

### Documents and Press Releases

- [Read](#) about the background of the investigation.
- [Visit](#) the Tip Line
- [Learn](#) about "Fake Pharmacies"
- [Read](#) Cummings and Sen. Rockefeller's Joint Report on "Gray Market" Drug Companies Charging Exorbitant Prices for Drugs Facing Critical National Shortages
- [Read](#) Cummings Testifies Before Senate Commerce Committee on "Gray Market" Drug Companies Charging Exorbitant Prices for Drugs Facing Critical Shortages
- [Read](#) Cummings's Bill to Reform "Gray Market" Drug Sales
- [Read](#) Cummings, Rockefeller, and Harkin Investigate "Fake Pharmacies" Buying and Selling Shortage Drugs in the Gray Market
- [Read](#) Senate Chairmen Join Cummings' Investigation of "Gray Market" Drug Companies
- [Read](#) Cummings Investigates "Drug Speculation" and "Gray Market" Sales of Drugs in Critically Short Supply
- [Read](#) Cummings letter from Brenda Frese

