

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking, Senate Judiciary Committee
147 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

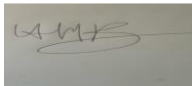
Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin,

As you consider S. 331, the HALT Fentanyl Act, this week I write once more to urge swift passage to make permanent temporary scheduling of fentanyl related substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. Any effort to add to this bipartisan bill new matters that have yet to be fully vetted and deliberated in both chambers, will only delay enactment. On the heels of House passage of the companion bill earlier this month on a strong bipartisan vote, it's time for the Senate Judiciary Committee to favorably report the bill, for the full Senate to pass it, and to send the measure to the president for his signature.

As shared previously, my son died of fentanyl poisoning nearly 11 years ago. Because of Archie, and the desperate efforts of my dear friend Dr. Tim Westlake, who attempted to keep him alive after an accidental overdose, you have before you a policy solution that mirrors a bill which the Wisconsin legislature passed on a unanimous vote in 2017 and was adopted as national policy by the DEA. As the primary architect of that Wisconsin law, Dr. Westlake testified before this committee on February 4 about the success the measure has had in turning off the spigot of FRS into this country. I could not be more proud of his work, both in the Emergency Room and on the policy front.

I am not alone in urging passage of the HALT Fentanyl Act. For my family and for too many others who've lost a child to fentanyl poisoning, not having our kids on this earth is a constant and piercing pain. Please accept our collective plea to, once and for all, stop the flow of fentanyl crossing our borders. We know you are seeing the same devastation in your own states and we know you have the power to make the statutory change required. Please, no more excuses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lauri Badura", on a light-colored rectangular card.

Lauri Badura
Co-founder, Saving Others For Archie (SOFA)

cc: Senate Majority Leader John Thune
Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer
Senator Ron Johnson
Senator Tammy Baldwin