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To Whom it may Concern,

How does a parent who has lost their child to a Fentanyl overdose put into words "how this crime has affected you and those close to you?"

Daniel Ryan Alcantara was our only child, the light of our lives and we loved him deeply. He was a beautiful young man in the prime of his life, entering adulthood. He was highly intelligent, articulate, self-assured and loved by all that knew him. He had so much potential. All of his friends were his "best friends" and they too miss him dearly.

The night of 9/1/21 was the most horrific and life changing in our lives. We received the call that no parent ever wants to get; the call informing us that Daniel was dead.

We have not only lost our son, we have lost his future and ours. Instead of college with a graduation celebration, we held a funeral. We will never see Daniel graduate from college and have a successful career. We will never see him get married and have children of his own. There is now no one to carry on the family name. We will never be the "Mother / Father of the groom" or be called "Grandmother / Grandfather." We are no longer able to celebrate Birthdays, Thanksgiving or Christmas with him. We have no one to pass our heirlooms down to. As healthcare workers, we both lived and worked hard for Daniel's future. Daniel gave our lives and pursuits purpose. Do you have any idea how it feels to remove your only child from your will?

Many lives were changed forever with **ONE** pill; not only Daniel's, but also ours and all that knew and loved him.

Thank you,

Sandy Alcantara