

Letter to Congress

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Esteemed Senators,

I am writing to you as a surviving sibling of a 20- year- old woman who tragically lost her life to opioids. I implore you to take action on the legislation that has already received unanimous approval from the Wisconsin legislature, been endorsed as a national policy by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), passed the house of Representatives, and now awaits your attention to permanently schedule Fentanyl Related Substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances act.

Sylvia was always the entertainer, making everyone laugh and smile. She could make you laugh even on your darkest day. She had a heart for kids with special needs and took great joy in working with and building relationships with them. She had just started a job working with them just before she passed. Sylvia's smile and laugh were infectious, she brought joy to all those around her. She brought all of us a lifetime of laughter in such a short period of time. She cared for everyone and saw the best in every person she met. Sylvia befriended those who didn't have friends and stood up for people who didn't have a voice to do it themselves. She helped others without looking for recognition. Although her life here on Earth was short, she made a lasting impact on all those who knew her. Sylvia touched more lives than she ever realized. Since her passing my family has felt the pain of her absence at every family gathering including my wedding day and the birth of her two nephews; Pierce and Warner. Instead of knowing their Aunt they know her as their angel heaven. We miss her so much and would do most anything to have her back. Please consider passing this bill to save other families from this unimaginable pain that we feel every single day.

