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Jayden Miller's Story

I am writing to you not only as a United States citizen or Ohioan but as a mother whose life has been irreparably changed by a tragedy, I never imagined possible. On August 28, 2021, my 19-year-old son, Jayden Miller, lost his life to fentanyl poisoning in Toledo, Ohio. His death devastated my family and ignited within me a relentless determination to fight this noxious crisis that is destroying families and futures across our nation.

Jayden was not a child battling substance use disorder. He was a curious teenager—a bright young man full of dreams and untapped potential—who fell victim to a fatal deception. Misled by a friend glorifying the supposed effects of a pharmaceutical-grade Percocet, Jayden unknowingly consumed a counterfeit pill. This pill, insidiously pressed by Mexican cartels, contained illicit fentanyl—the poison manufactured using precursors deliberately produced and exported through incentivized programs by the Chinese Communist Party. That single, counterfeit pill became a silent killer, stealing his future and leaving us, his family forever heartbroken.

How could a 19-year-old know that one pill could be a death sentence? That it was part of a calculated effort by a hostile regime—the Chinese Communist Party—to flood our streets with poison designed to kill indiscriminately and swiftly? As his mother, I never could have imagined that my son's life would be stolen by a global enterprise motivated by hatred for our country and driven by profit and malice. This enterprise has claimed hundreds of thousands of innocent lives like Jayden's, and each one is a shattering reminder that one life lost is one too many.

This is not merely a public health crisis; it is an act of war against the American people. Recently, a member of Congress advised me to "keep telling my son's story." My reply to him was, "With all due respect, sir, I will. I will keep telling the world about Jayden because I am proud of him, and I am proud to be his mother. But families like mine have been sharing our stories of loss to this poison since before 2018, hoping to ignite action among our leaders. Tragically, despite hundreds of thousands of stories like mine over countless years, we have yet to see a massive, united effort necessary to stop this poisoning of our generations."

Jayden's death is not in vain; his story is now a beacon of hope and a rallying cry to save lives. I believe it is my God-given purpose to honor his legacy by advocating for change, raising awareness, and fighting relentlessly to end this deadly epidemic.

Families like mine are counting on this new administration to listen, acknowledge our heartbreak, and finally take decisive action. We need leadership that not only hears our battle cries but joins us in an extensive and relentless fight to eradicate this deadly epidemic from our communities. Our children's futures depend on it. Our nation's survival demands it.

Sincerely,
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