

Dear Chairman Grassley,  
Judiciary Committee Members,

I'm writing to you today not as a constituent, but as a brother. My little brother, Luca, was 13 years old when fentanyl stole him from me. He was just a kid, full of life, and now he's gone. I'm writing to implore you: Keep HALT Clean. Luca's death, like so many others, was preventable. The fentanyl crisis is ripping families apart, leaving gaping holes where laughter and joy used to be. The HALT Fentanyl Act offers a chance to stop this. It's a chance to hold the people who peddle this poison accountable, a chance to give law enforcement the tools they need to fight back. Permanently classifying fentanyl-related substances (FRS) as Schedule I drugs is crucial – it's a matter of life and death for kids like Luca, for our kids. I remember Luca... his goofy grin, his terrible jokes, the way he always beat me at video games, not! He deserved to grow up. He deserved a future. Kids like him are dying because of fentanyl. This has to stop. But the HALT Fentanyl Act won't work if it's weakened. It must remain free of amendments that could undermine its efficacy. Adding amendments prolongs the process, delays justice, and puts more kids at risk. Every single delay is a potential death sentence.

China is the source of approximately 97% of the world's FRS's and their products are flooding our streets. It's outrageous. It's even more outrageous that the Chinese government themselves have publicly stated their interest in the permanent scheduling of these substances – they know where this poison is coming from! A clean HALT Act gives us the leverage we need to hold them accountable, to stop the flow of these deadly drugs, and to go after the people profiting from Luca's death, and the deaths of so many other children. The HALT Fentanyl Act, backed by countless law enforcement agencies and experts, is our best chance to fight back. It's a comprehensive and streamlined approach. We need to send a clear message: We will not tolerate this any longer. Please, I beg you, keep HALT Clean! Do it for Luca. Do it for every kid who deserves a chance at life.

Sincerely,  
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