

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, today in committee, I write with urgency and deep personal pain to implore you to pass this critical legislation. My son, Owen Zingler, died from fentanyl poisoning on December 27, 2022, at the age of 18. No words can truly capture the devastation of losing a child, and yet, my family is just one among countless others suffering this same unimaginable loss.

The temporary scheduling of fentanyl-related substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act must be made permanent. Any delay in enacting this bipartisan measure only perpetuates the ongoing crisis that is claiming lives every single day. With the House having already passed the companion bill with strong bipartisan support, it is time for the Senate Judiciary Committee to act decisively.

Too many families like mine are left with the unbearable weight of grief and the knowledge that this epidemic continues to claim young lives. Our children should not be statistics. They should be here, living their lives, fulfilling their dreams. It is within your power to take action and ensure that fentanyl and its analogs stop flowing into our communities, devastating families across the country.

Please, no more delays. No more excuses. We need your leadership to prevent more families from enduring the heartbreak that mine has suffered.

Sincerely,  
Becky Zingler