

TO: Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman and President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate  
Senator Dick Durbin, Ranking Member and Minority Whip

February 16, 2025

RE: The HALT Fentanyl Act – NO AMENDMENTS PLEASE!

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to respectfully request that The Halt Fentanyl Act bill be passed through the Senate as is, CLEAN, with no amendments. This bill has already passed the House vote. The subject matter is bipartisan in nature and has impacted so many families in our country. This bipartisan bill would permanently place Fentanyl and related substances into a Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. We need PERMANENT scheduling of this illicit drug. We cannot afford to have this bill tied up in Congress any longer.

I lost my daughter, Lisha Bailey, to illicit fentanyl poisoning. She was poisoned on April 23, 2022 and died the next day on April 24, 2022 when I had to make the heart-wrenching decision that any parent would dread to do... taking her off life support in the hospital CCU and watching her die. Lisha struggled with mental health issues and substance use disorder but she did not want to die. We read her social media posts, just the day before and the morning of her death, where she expressed her excitement about her upcoming birthday celebrations, turning 41 on April 27, 2022. She had plans to travel to Florida soon after her birthday. She and I had plans for us to attend a dinner and concert at Motor City Casino in Detroit to celebrate her birthday. She was a huge Detroit Tigers MLB fan. The Tigers opening day was on April 8, 2022. She was happy to be planning which dates she could attend Home games at Comerica Park. Instead, I was shopping for her funeral dress on her birthday, so family and friends could pay their last respects to her on April 29, 2022.

Final Diagnosis from her Autopsy and Toxicology Report: Michigan Medicine Hospital – University of Medicine Pathology and Clinical Laboratories, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Cause of Death: Fentanyl and para-Fluorofentanyl Toxicity

How Injury Occurred: The decedent ingested cocaine, laced with illicit fentanyl and other toxic contaminate substances.

Manner of Death: Accident (THIS WAS NO ACCIDENT! SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE WAS INGESTING FENTANYL!)

Brain with edema, herniation, hypoxic-ischemic changes and subarachnoid and intraparenchymal hemorrhage.

Toxicology – 001 Antemortem Blood:

- Cotinine Presump Pos ng/mL
- Nalaxone Presump Pos ng/mL
- Isopropanol 11 mg/dL
- 4-ANNP 0.71 ng/mL
- Para-Fluorofentanyl 3.7 ng/mL
- Benzoylcegonine 350 ng/mL
- 11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC 1.2 ng/mL
- Delta-9 Carboxy THC 31 ng/mL
- Delta-9 THC 0.79 ng/mL
- Fentanyl 5.6 ng/mL
- Norfentanyl 7.9 ng/mL

My daughter's death case investigation was minimal, botched, and poorly managed by the Ann Arbor Police Department. No justice was served. These fentanyl poisonings are drug-induced homicides, not accidents!

Lisha left behind six children who are now being raised by family members and good friends. My husband and I have adopted two of her daughters. We are very tired of reading about more and more funerals and memorials.

Every day that goes by more lives are being lost. Please get this bill to President Trump's desk ASAP.

Sincerely,

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In Memory of Lisha Marie Bailey, DOB: 04-27-1981 DOD: 04-24-2022