

Dear, CHAIRMAN GRASSLEY and RANKING MEMBER DURBIN

My name is Leah Wread (Read) Devere I'm from a small town in West Georgia named

Bowdon Georgia.

I lost my son Cory Lee Crews age 30 from Buchanan Georgia.

On the night of July 16, 2022, Cory took what he thought was Percocet, laid down next to his already sleeping 2-year-old-daughter and never to wake up again. I lost my beautiful son and 3 daughters lost their wonderful loving daddy. My entire family has been devastated and totally heartbroken since then. We as a family will NEVER be the same!

Cory became another casualty of the illicit fentanyl crisis ravaging communities from coast to coast. It's a scourge that has taken the lives of over 100k alone since 2020.

It pains me every day to know that Cory is gone — and it hurts even more knowing that his death was entirely preventable.

This HALT FENTANYL ACT is so very important in scheduling fentanyl as a scheduled 1 dangerous substance. Those that possess it, distribute it, should be held accountable accordingly !!

THE HALT FENTANYL BILL NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW SO HOPEFULLY NO MORE LIVES ARE LOST. It may not stop it in its entirety but THIS BILL is a start in the right direction!

I beg and urge you all to please pass the HALT FENTANYL BILL into place TODAY without amendments or delays. This is so important for our country and moving forward in fighting this epidemic!

Thank you & God Bless

Leah Wread Devere

2 weeks before my son Cory Crews passed away with his 2 yr baby daughter

