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Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We, the members of the Drug Enforcement Association of Federal Narcotics Agents, are writing to express our strong support for the Halt All Lethal Trafficking (HALT) Fentanyl Act. This bipartisan legislation is crucial in combating the devastating fentanyl crisis that has become the leading cause of death among young adults aged 18-45.

The Drug Enforcement Association of Federal Narcotics Agents' mission is to: *support and empower federal drug law enforcement officers in their professional and personal lives; promote the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and public service among our members; advocate for the rights, safety, and well-being of law enforcement professionals and their families; strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the communities we serve and have served through outreach, education, and collaborative initiatives; provide opportunities for professional development, mentorship, and networking among our members; honor the sacrifices made by fallen agents, officers, and personnel as well as support their families in times of need; advance the field of drug law enforcement through research, innovation, and the sharing of best practices. Together, we stand united in our commitment to uphold the law, protect our communities, and embody the values of justice, compassion, and service.*

The HALT Fentanyl Act would permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs under the Controlled Substances Act.

This classification is essential for:

- Empowering law enforcement to keep these lethal drugs off our streets
- Enabling scientists to research and better understand these substances
- Providing clear and enforceable criminal penalties for fentanyl trafficking.

With the current temporary scheduling set to expire on March 31, 2025, it is imperative that we act now to make this classification permanent. The bill is of critical importance.

I urge you to support the HALT Fentanyl Act to help combat the opioid epidemic, save lives, and give law enforcement the tools they need to bring drug traffickers to justice.

Sincerely,

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