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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

I am writing to you today with a heart shattered beyond repair, pleading for immediate action on the HALT Fentanyl Act—a bill that must pass without amendments to ensure the permanent scheduling of fentanyl and its deadly analogs as Schedule I substances under the Controlled Substances Act.

Every day that this legislation is delayed, lives are lost. One of those lives was my beloved son, Frank Bart Jr. (Frankie), forever 32, who was tragically taken from us by fentanyl poisoning. Frankie was more than just a statistic—he was an incredible soul with a heart full of love, a personality that could brighten even the darkest of days, and a smile that could light up any room. His laughter was contagious, his spirit irreplaceable. But most importantly, he was my son, and he was a father to two beautiful sons who must now grow up without their dad, all because of this poison that continues to flood our communities unchecked.

How many more families must be destroyed before we take decisive action? Fentanyl is unlike any other drug crisis we have faced—it is a weapon of mass destruction, killing Americans at an unprecedented rate. We cannot afford hesitation or political gamesmanship. Permanent scheduling is not just necessary; it is urgent.

I beg you, as a mother who will never see her son's smile again, do not let this bill be held up any longer. Do not allow more families to experience this unbearable loss. We need the HALT Fentanyl Act passed now, without amendments. Please, let my son's death—and the countless others like him—not be in vain.

With a forever broken heart,

A Grieving Angel Mom from Wisconsin

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