

February 17, 2025

To: The Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of Keeping HALT Clean, to keep FRS as a Schedule 1 drug and to give law enforcement the necessary tools to combat deadly Fentanyl and to hold China accountable; I request that the Senate Judiciary Committee avoid adding any amendments to the HALT FENTANYL ACT. The deaths need to stop! Anything that weakens this bill may hinder the efforts to stop this tragic epidemic and weaken the efforts in stopping the flow of FRS from China.

I lost my beloved and beautiful son, Jacob, forever 24 to a single Xanax pill in November of 2020, a pill that hid deadly Fentanyl. Up until I had never heard of counterfeit pills or deadly, illicit Fentanyl. He thought he was taking Xanax, but was given poison. I can't begin to express how shattered our family is, how deep the absence of our beloved son, brother, grandson, cousin, nephew, friend is within our hearts. How I still cry Every. Single. Day. He was the light in our lives, our loud, silly boy...he was beautiful. He had life-long plans, He did not want to die and did not deserve to die. Sadly, there will never be justice for my son, but I can and will support the KEEPING HALT CLEAN to help prevent this from happening to other families.

I stand with the hundreds of thousands of other families to keep HALT CLEAN! It MUST be passed without amendments!

Sincerely,
Geralyn vasquez
Mother of Jacob Vasquez, Forever 24.