

Hello. I am a grieving mother who lost a child to illicit fentanyl poisoning. My son, Jimmy Woody, was an incredibly talented musician and songwriter. He played multiple instruments and began composing music at the age of 16. He formed a band, began performing at local venues and finished recording two tracks for what was to be their first album. I will share a picture of him in high school marching band and with his bandmates.

He was also a wonderful son, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He was so well-loved that not everyone who attended his funeral could fit in the building. He made some bad choices that led to him suffering from substance use disorder (SUD) but he did not addiction himself to death. He was poisoned with the illicit fentanyl that is slaughtering over 100,000 Americans every year. I do believe my son would have recovered from his addiction, but fentanyl robbed him of the chance to do so.

I have turned my pain into purpose as a national activist with Lost Voices of Fentanyl, Inc., a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with 35,500 members. I also work with several other groups in both Missouri and Kansas and founded a support group called "Grandparents raising grandchildren while grieving the loss of a child". I try to raise awareness of the fentanyl grandfamilies raising fentanyl orphans that no one is talking about.

We have held annual national rallies in Washington DC for each of the past four years and marched to the White House and begged our government to stop this weapon of mass destruction (WMD) that is killing our children. But our cries have fallen on deaf ears.

Passing the HALT Fentanyl Act as it is currently written is your opportunity to do something to save American lives. We beg you to please vote for this act in its current form, without amendments. The lives of an entire generation are at stake.

Sincerely,

Laura Woody

Mother of Jimmy Woody, forever 29, killed by illicit fentanyl poisoning on 11/1/2021

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