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The Honorable Chairman Chuck Grassley
The Honorable Ranking Member
Dick Durbin
United States Senate

Re: The Halt Fentanyl Act

Hello, I am a grieving mother who lost my child to illicit fentanyl poisoning. My son, Joshua Carroll, was a loving, kind hearted, smart, and articulate 21 year old young man on the cusp of life. He had a passion for drawing and art. He enjoyed skateboarding, loved nature and the outdoors, and loved all animals, especially, his two cats Derpy and Ghost.

Joshua smoked pot, which we know is a psychoactive drug, that can affect and alter behavior, judgment, perception and rationale. It was while he was under the influence of pot, he made a bad choice and purchased several pills of what he thought was oxycodone from a person he thought was a friend, and the pills were in all actuality, fake counterfeit pills that were 100% pure fentanyl and he died instantly. I have done my research and the dealer is a career criminal and repeat offender and has the criminal background to prove it and should be held accountable for my son's death.

Joshua was a wonderful son, grandson, nephew, cousin, stepbrother, boyfriend, and had numerous friends who loved him dearly. Both of his girlfriends's parent's loved him like a son and speak of how deeply Joshua loved and treated their daughter's so well. Both parents reach out to me to this day and we continue to support each other in our grief for the great loss of my son Joshua.

Passing the Halt Fentanyl Act as it is currently written is your opportunity to do something to save American lives. I, along with millions of grieving Americans, beg you to please vote for this act in its current form without amendments. The lives of an entire generation is at stake.

Respectfully,
Rene M. Renfro, grieving mother of Joshua Carroll Forever 21