

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

February 13, 2025

My name is Misti Ingersoll, I lost my 17-year-old son Rayce Tuck to fentanyl poisoning on February 20th, 2024. He bought what he thought was a Xanax. It was laced with Fentanyl and killed him. He had just told me "Goodnight momma, I love you" 45 minutes before his sister walked in his room to find him unresponsive. I did CPR until paramedics arrived. They gave him Narcan and got his heart beating again, but it was just too late. Rayce died the next day; his organs were donated to save others or give them a better life. Can you imagine having to make decisions regarding organ donation and whether to bury or cremate your 17-year-old precious boy? I hope you never have to.

Rayce, my firstborn and only son, was born in December 2006 in East Texas. He had a love for music from a young age, he always had music playing. He liked strumming on his guitar and making up tunes. Skateboarding was a passion of his, he made some of his best friends at the skatepark, and although he didn't play in school, he loved shooting hoops with his buddies in the driveway. He stepped to the beat of his own drum. He wasn't a materialistic kid, he needed the bare minimum when it came to clothes, shoes, or accessories. He used a shoestring for a belt, even though he had a belt. He wore worn-out skate shoes even though he had new shoes in the closet. He cared more about how people treated others, than what they were wearing or what they had. He was truly the most kind-hearted boy from the day he was born. He was a big brother and best friend to his little sister Sadie who is 3 years and 3 months younger than him.

I am sure you are aware of the staggering statistics regarding illicit fentanyl, but I will share a few that stand out to me.

-It is the number one leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45.

-20 High school students a week die from illicit fentanyl.

-66 million Americans have lost a family member or close friend to illicit fentanyl.

Classifying this drug as a schedule 1 of the controlled substances act is a must. Please don't hold this up any longer. Vote the HALT Fentanyl act in without delay. The longer it lingers in Congress the more lives are being lost.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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