## Pass the Halt Fentanyl Act

I am writing today to ask that you pass the Halt Fentanyl Act without delay, without amendments.

I lost my precious son Stone Aidan Carpenter, forever 18, on 3/2/21. My Stone, a high school senior, a talented artist, an athlete, a friend. My Stone, a son, a brother, a grandson, a cousin, a nephew, a beautiful soul. After two surgeries, both in high school, he was prescribed Percocet for pain. He developed an addiction to Percocet and made the mistake of seeking it on social media, Snap Chat. What he got was a fake pill, illicit fentanyl, pressed to look exactly like a prescription Percocet. It ended his life, before prom, before graduation, before he was able to decide what to do with his future. It sent a ripple effect of devastation though his family, friends, school and work. It also kickstarted my journey of illicit fentanyl awareness and advocacy.

By passing the Halt Fentanyl Act it will help address all aspects of the illicit fentanyl poisonings that are still occurring every day across America. In big cities, in small towns, in every community, we are losing loved ones. Our children, parents, siblings, family and friends, have been and continue to be murdered by illicit fentanyl. It is put in all illicit drugs such as cocaine and marijuana as well as being pressed to look identical to prescription pills such as Percocet and Xanax.

By passing the Halt Fentanyl Act now, without delay, we can finally start to put all resources towards stopping the precursors to make and distribute lethal illicit fentanyl and all fentanyl related substances.

Your support is desperately needed and long overdue, we've been losing lives to this epidemic since 2013 and it has to stop. We appreciate your support and vote to pass the Halt Fentanyl Act.

Thank you for your time.

Dawn Carpenter

Stones Momma

