

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share a deeply personal and heartbreaking experience that has profoundly affected my life. On September 23, 2022, I lost my beloved son Zachary to fentanyl/heroin toxicity. Unfortunately, he made a bad decision that cost him his life and he would never have wanted to leave this world so soon. The pain of losing him is indescribable, and I am still grappling with the reality of his absence.

My son was a bright, loving, and compassionate individual who knew no strangers. His smile could light up a room, and his kindness knew no bounds. Zachary went to college and was in the National Society of Honor and Leadership, Golden Key International Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and graduated with a Business Degree in Marketing. He had dreams and aspirations that were tragically cut short by this devastating incident.

Little did we know the day he moved to North Carolina for a job, that we would never get to see him in person or hug him again. It was a total shock to get the call that he had passed away and we didn't get to tell him goodbye.

Fentanyl is a powerful and dangerous substance that has claimed the lives of far too many. I never imagined that it would touch my family in such a devastating way. My hope in sharing this story is to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and to encourage others to take action to prevent similar tragedies.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Sharon DeShazo and Family