

CURE Supports H.R. 27, HALT Fentanyl Act

Dear Representative:

As the Trump Administration takes bold steps to stop the flow of deadly fentanyl-related substances across our borders, Congress should ensure that law enforcement has the tools they need to keep these extremely lethal and dangerous drugs off our streets. **H.R. 27, HALT Fentanyl Act**, takes that important step and it enables research on these substances so we can better understand their overall effects on human health.

In 2023, more than 107,000 people died of drug overdoses; roughly 75,000 of whom died from synthetic opioids—largely illicit fentanyl or fentanyl-related substances.

Illicit fentanyl poisoning deaths among teens accounted for 77% of adolescent overdose deaths in 2021. These poisonings are now the number one cause of death among adults 18-49— more than cancer, heart disease, and car accidents.

Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances can be 50-100 times more potent than morphine. Just a few milligrams can be lethal. Fentanyl is easier to produce than cocaine or heroin—it only takes a few hours to make—and fentanyl can be sold for 100 times or more than what it cost to make. Since small doses of fentanyl are extremely potent, it's easier to illegally smuggle small batches across the border.

An emergency class-wide scheduling order is currently in place for fentanyl-related substances. If the emergency order expires, many fentanyl-related substances will become street-legal. Law enforcement will lose the authority to seize these lethal drugs and drug traffickers will be empowered to push deadlier and deadlier drugs on our streets.

We should not allow these criminal enterprises to skirt federal law by changing as little as one molecule in the fentanyl formula to create legal variations. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will also lose the authority to seize these substances crossing the border.

The Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) seeks to fight poverty and restore dignity through messages of Faith, Freedom and Personal Responsibility. We are striving to lift up distressed communities that have been particularly hard hit by fentanyl-related substances.

By passing the **HALT Fentanyl Act** and making the temporary class-wide scheduling order permanent, you can help make America's distressed communities safer and more prosperous.

Sincerely,

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