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The Honorable Bill Cassidy United States Senate 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Morgan Griffith United States House of Representatives 2110 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Cassidy and Congressman Griffith:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the United States, I am writing to you to express our strong support for the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act.

The spread of fentanyl in our communities is devastating. It is being mixed with already deadly illicit drugs, hidden in counterfeit drugs, and being peddled at alarmingly high rates. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 107,941 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2022 and synthetic opioids like fentanyl were involved in over 73,8381 of those deaths. The trend of deaths due to synthetic opioids and fentanyl continues to climb, with no abatement in sight.

The HALT Fentanyl Act would make permanent the current classwide scheduling of all fentanyl-related substances as Schedule 1 drugs under the Controlled Substances Act, giving law enforcement the tools and resources necessary to combat and deter fentanyl in our nation's communities.

NAPO has long fought for resources to support law enforcement's efforts to combat fentanyl, its analogues, and similar opioids. We thank you for your efforts to help the fight against the spread of this deadly poison in our communities and look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely.

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