

To Whom It May Concern,

I write this letter in hopes you will consider the support of Taylor's Law, which would ensure that drug dealers be held appropriately accountable in circumstances where a death occurs as a result from the sale and distribution of an illegal drug.

My heart breaks for the Martinek family, as they work tirelessly to honor their beloved son Taylor's life. Taylor was an amazing young man with such full potential. He was a wonderful friend, brother, son and meaningful contributor to his community. As a result of an injury, Taylor became addicted to pain killers, for which he turned to drastic measures to obtain drugs. I personally witnessed my friend, and Taylor's beautiful mother and her family try so hard to help Taylor heal from his addiction and break the grip that drugs held. The agony that his family felt as they struggled each and every day was heartbreaking. I remember the tears, the tremendous fear and pain as his family prayed that they would never have to hear the worst. Hear that they lost their child to drugs and addiction. As you know, that fear became the Martinek family's true nightmare.

I urge you to consider holding the drug dealers in cases like Taylor's accountable. They prey on people who are so vulnerable, and desperate. Their actions cause senseless deaths, lost dreams, and they break our communities. We MUST provide the message that we won't just let these dealers get away with killing our kids, our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers.

Our future depends on our actions today. Please decide today, to create a safer community for our children.

Sincerely,
Kristen Bradshaw