

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of Taylor's Law HB2797. This law, which enforces harsher prosecution to drug dealers, may save lives, and if it saves at least one life, then it is a worthy law to be in place. This Law, written after my dear friend Taylor Martinek, could save many other people from the same fate that Taylor had. Taylor struggled with addiction and that ultimately died after taking a pill laced with fentanyl. This law will enforce harsher prosecutions to drug dealers like the one who sold Taylor the drug that killed him.

It has been 2 years since his passing, and there is not one day that goes by that I do not miss my friend that I have known since we were 5 years old. He was filled with such joy and love and care for everyone around him. His smile, silliness, and warm hugs filled me with joy every time I saw him. My heart hurts for his family and the loss of a son and brother. He left us too soon, and I do not want that to happen to anyone else or their family if it can be prevented. To watch what this family has gone through and the positive changes they are trying to make to save other lives is an amazing thing. Creating this law will help stop the circulation of drugs and help keep dealers from harming other victims like Taylor.

Taylor's death has affected me and so many others. We lost a friend/brother/son/grandson/nephew, way too soon and it hurts every day. I fully support Taylor's Law HB2797 in hopes that other families do not lose a loved one as the Martinek family has.

Sincerely,

Melanie

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