To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my support of

<u>House Bill 2797</u>, also known as " <u>Taylor's Law</u>," would require a sentence of 58 to 130 months in prison after a person is convicted of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance that results in the death of another person who used the illicit drug. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday at the state Capitol.

As a parent of a son who struggles with addiction and the grandpatent of grandkids who watch their parents fight the battle, this whole situation deserves greater attention. But if the laws can be changed, the bite a little worse maybe a second thought of ones behavior might happen.

I see selling illegal opiates or any drug to someone who then overdose on the drug is really no different then being with someone when they Rob a convenient store and someone dies, the ones who are just their are charged with the felony as if the pulled the trigger themselves!

As a Drug and Alcohol counselor, we need more laws but we need money for treatment programs outside the walls of jails, prison as well as inside those walls!

We need you to hear our cries, the DA"s, prosecutors, judges need to hear our cries. I have stood before the courts and begged for help for my son, I have begged his PO to place stronger treatment requirements, and not once did they listen, my son is 33 yes old and is clean and sober today but not a day goes by that I don't worry, pray for him. But I do fear that one day I will get that call and yes he made a choice but we as the people and you as the power can help bring that change! Please hear our cries, this bill is a start!

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