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Fentanyl is killing our youth. In the month of January alone, I lost a nephew who was 30, and a previous student, 18. This is a deadly drug with the ability to kill with minimal amounts. The decriminalization of small amounts of drugs has been difficult for our police to keep drugs from becoming readily available, but with fentanyl in the picture which kills with such a small amount, which can be manufactured cheaply in large quantities, and which is often added to other drugs our overdose deaths are growing at an alarming rate. To do nothing when the overdose statistics prove that point would be a crime in itself.