

I am writing to urge you to support HB 4002. We need to strengthen laws against dealers who are preying on Oregonians. We need tougher laws against dealers to deter them from selling here.

My son, Courage, had just finished flight school in Florida. His lifelong dream was to become a commercial airline pilot. He was accepted into the American Airlines flight academy which he began a few months after high school graduation. He went to flight schools in San Diego, California and Pompano Beach, Florida, and had just moved home in June 2022 after finishing flight school in Florida. He was looking for flight jobs to gain flying hours when his life and dream were cut short when he was fatally poisoned by one fake fentanyl pill at the age of 23. The pill was given to him under the pretense of being an oxycodone pill but it was in fact a pill containing two times the lethal dose of fentanyl with no oxycodone in it.

Our world was shattered. Our son, who had such a promising future, was gone. Our laid-back, smiley, happy, friendly, smart son was gone. We were and still are, heartbroken.

Oregonians must do better. The drug dealer who supplies a fake and fatal pill must be held accountable. Drug dealer must serve time. This was murder and it is wrong for the dealer to make money while killing Oregonians. We need enforcement and tougher laws.

Sincerely,

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