

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Madam Chair Griffith and Madam Vice Chair Klausmeier, members of the Finance committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 914 – Hospitals – Overdoses – Testing for Fentanyl**. I will now ask that my witness panel come join me.

The purpose of this bill is require the emergency department of a hospital to conduct a rapid urine drug test for fentanyl in patients with a known or suspected drug overdose if a toxicology report is required by a treating health care provider.

(Closing)

Thank you to Madam Chair and Madam Vice Chair for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 914 and I ask for your favorable report**.