

Senate Bill **751**

Bill Title **Public Health Advisory Council and Fund -
Revision**

Committees **Finance**

Date **March 1st 2024**

Position **In Favor**

Hello, my name is Debbie Santini and I am in favor of this Senate Bill 751. I am writing to you as a mother of 2 sons that struggled with addiction. I have been an advocate for my sons and other Maryland families for over 10 years. My youngest son Jesse died in Stella 'Recovery' house on Marda Lane in Annapolis on February 16th 2022. Jesse died of fentanyl poisoning. There were 10 people in that house at the time of his death and no one saved his life. There were no safety measures in place at Stella house and no standard of protocol measures were used at the time of Jesse's entry.

This Senate bill 751 will allow transparency of funding and offer supports to those in recovery. There are many people who work tirelessly as boots on the ground to support people with substance use disorder. We need your support in favor of this bill to show transparency of the allocation of the Opioid Restitution Funds and to continue to combat the ever-growing opioid crisis in this state. This money going back to the recovery community could help to put safety measures in place in recovery houses.

We need to continue to work together and fight to save lives so that no other family is destroyed like mine has been. This money going back to the recovery community could help to put safety measures in place in recovery houses