

**Testimony From Michele Kreider
in Support of SB1075/HB1245
Distribution of Heroin and/or Fentanyl Causing Serious Bodily Injury of Death,
Victoria and Scottie's Law.**

As one of thousands of mothers who have a son that has succumbed to Fentanyl poisoning, Blair Ross Kreider was found dead at the age of 33 on 11/18/23. He had been battling addiction through a methadone program and obviously relapsed during the height of COVID isolation. He silently died alone and shamed by his addiction. Prior to his death, we talked about the possibility of moving him from the methadone program to another healthier means of recovery. The methadone program was a steppingstone to slowly adjust his body from addiction so that withdrawal might not be so severe.

Listed is what was found in Blair's toxicology report:

- Despropionyl fentanyl,
- 4-fluoroisobutryl fentanyl,
- methadone,
- morphine,
- xylazine

There is no doubt that Blair thought he was taking his drug of choice, but he also must have been aware of the chance he was taking. Addicts are most vulnerable to fentanyl poisoning/heroin. The police have not contacted me re an investigation, nor have they returned his cell phones that were taken as evidence. Who provided Blair with the deadly cocktail? A second chance at recovery is not possible with deadly drugs being laced into the drug supply.

A DEAD PERSON CANNOT BE TREATED!

FACTS:

Prior to the year 2020, most Americans, nor myself, was aware of an opioid called fentanyl. By

2020, drug deaths soured from 65,000. Moving forward to

2023, drug deaths peaked above 112,000 with fentanyl responsible for the majority of these deaths.

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death among Americans age 18-45 and more recently, have also spiked as a killer of pregnant women. Young people and people of color are among the hardest hit and a deepening cultural divide over what to do about it.

Those who might experiment with drugs for the first time, or use drugs recreationally for a fun weekend, will come across a disguised fatal dose of fentanyl and will die.

Those who are already addicted, or struggling in sobriety programs are the most vulnerable and will eventually face an unpredictable cocktail of opioids that often includes fentanyl, and a fast-changing mix of new chemicals. My son, Blair, was one of these Americans.

References: CDC,. New Hampshire Public Radio (npr wypr 88.1 FM radio)

Politics of Fentanyl/Heroin 2024 – Why I am in support of SB1075/HB1245?

Politicians have promised to stop or sharply curtail fentanyl. To date, no one has proposed a plan that has accomplished that goal. In fact, most of the news I read, hear or watch on TV, do not give me any indication that our country's politicians consider this outrageous epidemic as a priority. Many more will die without the threat of incarceration.

- If the distributors are proven guilty of the charges outlined in this bill, this bill enforces accountability with a sentence for a minimum of 20 years.
- More importantly, it encourages an incentive for those who distribute, immunity from prosecution if they provide emergency medical assistance to the user (in good faith).