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**SB0604 – Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader’s Law**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB0604 – Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader’s Law. As a professional dedicated to working with individuals struggling with substance use disorders—many of whom are in recovery from opioid addiction—I see firsthand the urgent need for this legislation.

I also bring a personal perspective to this issue. I am a person in long-term recovery from heroin addiction, having remained abstinent and in recovery since November 2003. In my professional role, I work daily with individuals battling addiction, and I witness the escalating dangers they face—dangers that have only intensified with the prevalence of fentanyl.

Over the years, I have escorted countless individuals from programs under the Carroll County State’s Attorney’s Office to be tested before entering treatment. Initially, many were unaware they had been using fentanyl. Today, that is no longer the case—many know, yet they continue to use, illustrating the devastating grip of addiction. This underscores the critical need to address those who knowingly distribute these lethal substances.

I firmly believe that those selling fentanyl-laced drugs are well aware of the high probability that their product will cause overdoses or death. In my years of experience, I have seen far too many lives lost or permanently altered due to severe overdoses. While I recognize that some individuals may share substances among friends, this bill is not about them. It is about those who profit from selling fentanyl, fully aware of its deadly effects yet indifferent to the consequences.

Here in Carroll County, individuals frequently travel out of the county to purchase fentanyl and bring it back, sometimes sharing it with friends. However, the larger concern lies with the extensive network of drug dealers across Maryland who knowingly distribute fentanyl with no regard for human life. Many of these individuals do not even use the drug themselves—they sell purely for profit. This bill has the potential to deter these dealers and, in doing so, prevent the ripple effect that fuels further distribution.

My goal has always been to help people find a path to recovery and lead productive lives, just as I have been fortunate enough to do. But fentanyl has changed everything. It has made addiction deadlier than ever, and we must take decisive action against those who knowingly perpetuate this crisis.

I urge you to support SB0604 – Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader’s Law to help protect our communities and save lives. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss this issue further.

**Sincerely,**

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