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Senate Bill (SB) 906 & House Bill (HB) 1386
Criminal Law - Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Serious Bodily Injury or Death
(Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law)

DATE : February 27, 2026
COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings & House Judiciary
POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 906 and House Bill 386. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with individuals struggling with substance use disorders—many battling opioid addiction—and I have seen firsthand the urgent need for meaningful action to address the fentanyl crisis. I also bring a personal perspective to this issue. I am a person in long-term recovery from heroin addiction, abstinent since November 2003, prior to the emergence of fentanyl in the drug supply. In my professional role, I work daily with individuals who are still actively struggling, and I witness the heightened dangers they now face. Fentanyl has dramatically changed the landscape of addiction, making relapse far more likely to result in overdose or death.

Over the years, I have escorted countless individuals from programs through the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office to be tested prior to entering treatment. Many were shocked to learn that they had been using fentanyl, believing instead that they were taking oxycontin or another opioid. While awareness has increased and many now assume fentanyl is present in most illicit drugs, what users do not and cannot know is the amount being mixed into each batch. The only person who truly knows that is the one selling it. That reality is deeply troubling and unacceptable.

In my experience, individuals who knowingly sell fentanyl-laced drugs understand the high probability that their product could cause an overdose or death. I have seen too many people suffer fatal overdoses or survive with permanent, life-altering injuries. While I recognize that there are situations where substances are shared among peers, this legislation is not aimed at those circumstances. It is directed at individuals who profit from distributing fentanyl, fully aware of its deadly potential and indifferent to the consequences. Here in Carroll County, we often see individuals travel outside the county to purchase fentanyl or heroin and bring it back. However, the greater concern is the broader network of dealers across Maryland who knowingly distribute fentanyl for profit, often without using the drug themselves. Senate Bill 906 and House Bill 1386

have the potential to deter those who are driving this market and, in doing so, disrupt the ripple effect of further distribution and loss.

My mission has always been to help individuals move toward recovery and build productive, meaningful lives, something I have been blessed to do myself. But fentanyl has changed the stakes. Addiction is now deadlier than ever, and we must respond accordingly. I respectfully urge you to support Senat Bill 906 and House Bill 1386 to help protect our communities and save lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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