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HB2489

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed law to allow and expand fentanyl education in high schools, including education on its dangers and how to respond in the event of an overdose.

Fentanyl is an extremely potent and deadly drug that is increasingly present in our communities, especially in urban areas.

Many young people are exposed to it knowingly or unknowingly, often through substances that are falsely believed to be something else. This lack of awareness has led to devastating and preventable loss of life.

Providing students with factual, age-appropriate education about fentanyl is not encouraging drug use—it is

empowering students with knowledge. Education gives them the tools to recognize danger, make informed decisions, and understand just how little it takes for fentanyl to be fatal. Silence and avoidance do not protect our youth; information does.

In addition, teaching students how to respond in an overdose situation, including how to use lifesaving medication such as naloxone, can mean the difference between life and death. Even if a student never uses drugs themselves, they may encounter a friend, classmate, or family member who is at risk. Knowing what to do in that moment is critical.

This law represents a proactive, compassionate approach to public health and youth safety. By educating students early, we have an opportunity to reduce overdose deaths, increase awareness, and save lives.

I strongly urge you to support the passage

of this law and prioritize fentanyl
education in our schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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