

Testimony in Support of HB 2489

I am a parent with one daughter currently in high school and one son in elementary school. I strongly believe it would be beneficial for my children—and all Kansas students—to have age-appropriate education regarding the current fentanyl epidemic.

Fentanyl is a very real and growing danger in our communities. Students deserve to understand the risks, how exposure can occur, and how easily an accidental overdose can happen. Education empowers young people to make safer choices and to recognize dangerous situations before they become life-threatening.

I also believe it is critically important for students and school staff to be educated on how to respond if someone is experiencing an opioid overdose, including the availability and use of Narcan. An overdose emergency could occur at school, in public, or even at home—especially for Drug Endangered Children who live in our communities.

Providing fentanyl education and access to Narcan in schools is a proactive, life-saving measure. HB 2489 gives Kansas the opportunity to better protect our children and equip them with knowledge that could save their own lives or the life of someone else.

Thank you for considering my support for this bill.

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