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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB413
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Chairperson Warren and Committee Members:

Our associations support SB413. The bill is one approach to addressing the distribution part of the fentanyl problem we are facing. SB413 addresses the enhanced sentencing by creating a higher severity level for distribution of substances containing fentanyl related substances at lower quantity levels.

It is our opinion that SB413 is not inconsistent with SB414, a bill that will also have a hearing today. Both have merit and both should be considered. There is no reason they should not both be passed.

Addressing the distribution with enhanced sentencing is one of several efforts we must pursue to reduce the exposure of unintended overdose deaths of our children and adults. It just makes sense that if we are going to be serious about addressing the fentanyl problem, the penalty for distribution of fentanyl related substances must be more severe than the penalty for distribution of drugs not containing fentanyl.

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