



July 14, 2023

Dear Senators:

As the only surviving sibling of a 24-year-old who lost his life to opioids, I urge you to act on the legislation that passed the Wisconsin legislature on unanimous vote, was adopted as a national policy by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), passed the House of Representatives, and now sits before you to make permanent the temporary scheduling of Fentanyl Related Substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

My brother, Drew Swan, had an amazing vigor for life. He dreamed of becoming a successful businessman, or youth minister after graduating from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee double majoring in Business and English.

Growing up, I never cared about how popular I was or how many friends I had, because I always knew that I had him by my side. He was my best friend, closest confidant, and biggest cheerleader in life.

Today, I could be visiting my brother's growing family, meeting my nieces and nephews, and experiences the joy of laughing with my brother; but instead, I'm left heart-broken visiting him at his gravesite in the cemetery next to the house where we grew up together like I did one week ago. To say that reimagining life has been a struggle without my brother would be an understatement. Since his passing in 2013, I've lost many more friends to fentanyl poisoning. The devastation this leaves on families around the country is unbearable. It is not only a huge loss to society, it leaves behind a broken family trying to find purpose out of life which seems a shadowed version of its previous self. Please act now to end the sadness. Do what you've been elected to do, and act on the HALT of Fentanyl Act that sits before you.

Sincerely,

Jack Swan

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Surviving brother of Drew Swan