Dear Senators,

As the father of <u>Drew Swan</u> who died from the Opioid Epidemic *as did his friend three doors down* - <u>Archie Badura</u>, I'm asking 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.

Not that you or anyone else cares about my life with Drew, but to me he was the sunshine of my life. The day he was born was the happiest day of my life by multiples. He made me a father - my life long dream.

Drew made life exciting every day. There was never a dull moment - not one - with him around. He was an optimist and an encourager. He never said an unkind word to me nor did he ever betray a loyalty to me. He called me his hero until the last day I spoke with him on Easter Sunday 2013. He had grown into becoming the best friend I ever had.



When he died, a big part of me died too and I did not know if or how I was going to make it. I have been the recipient of cold indifference from this world who has long since moved on from his loss. I had a choice to remain in the past or channel my unbearable pain into letting like situated bereaved parents know that "I get them." That is what I am doing now with FentanylFathers.org along with Drew's surviving immediate family. We simply demand and resolve to give the heads up to all High Schoolers in the country. We do it in his honor, to save kids, and spare parents this world's #1 grief.

At a clip of over 110,000 dead a year, this is easily America's #1 problem - quite unprecedented. I and our group has had dinner with Senator Rubio, worked with Senator Scott, Hassan, Feinstein, Baldwin, Sullivan, Murkowski, Peters, Stabenow, Vance, Brown and many Congressmen. All agree these kids deserve a heads up such as we give, yet none have taken responsibility make certain that happens, even though we are sitting on an ample army of 600,000 bereaved parents in just the last three years. We only need to reach 25,000 High Schools. That disconnect won't stop our mission. We have introduced "Bruce's Law" for awareness - yet it too has not passed. Therefore, I challenge you to do something tangible about it and pass this act. That will scratch the surface of your responsibility to fighting back - death happens to be bipartisan.

This problem ruins entire families - mine will never be the same this side of Heaven. Even the family I grew up with has been checked out for years as I suspect they will be for the rest of my days. Knowing how much ignorance and false pride drives this stigma, I believe we have a duty to try to heal those left behind by offering them the opportunity to become part of the solution. Therefore this won't be the last you'll hear from this old warrior - so when I see you again I minimally expect you'll have passed this law championed by Archie's mother Lauri Badura - who has been treated quite properly by Senator Johnson. Let's get this done now - there is so much more to do afterward.

Sincerely, Gregory J. Swan

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