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**RE: Letter of Support – FY 2023 COCLI Grant (CCL-CCL-23-001 Assistance Listing Number: 95.007)**

Dear Mr. Swan,

On behalf of the Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), I am pleased to write this letter of support for Fentanyl Father's (FentanylFathers.org, a 501c3) application for the FY 2023 Competitive Cooperative Agreement Solicitation Combating Overdose through Community-Level Intervention (CCL-CCL-23-001 Assistance Listing Number: 95.007) grant.

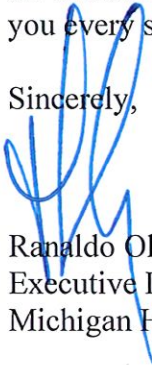
Like the rest of America, Michigan has been hit hard by Fentanyl related overdose deaths. According to the CDC and Medical Examiner's record, in 2022, Michigan suffered 2,993 overdose deaths with the majority of those attributed to Fentanyl. In 2021, Michigan had reached an all-time high of 3,096 overdose deaths.

As a result, the Michigan HIDTA fully supports Fentanyl Fathers' efforts to conduct the following activities to educate our youth throughout Michigan on the dangers associated with opioids and fentanyl:

- Provide High Schools throughout Michigan with highly influential drug awareness and prevention presentations from a unique cadre of bereaved parents who themselves have lost a child because of a drug overdose.
- Educate students in mass across Michigan and the country on how to avoid opioids and fentanyl.
- Use theory-based informed programming for public health interventions to help predict engagement with prevention behaviors likely to yield significant behavior changes in addressing drug misuse behaviors, and positive health impacts in fentanyl-related overdoses in school-aged populations.
- Measures participants drug awareness during each assembly before and after the presentation to confirm the lift and shift in perception of the danger of opioids and fentanyl (especially counterfeit fentanyl pills).
- Distribute and provide training to students and parents on Naloxone use and administration.

The Michigan HIDTA is fully committed to reducing fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses by building meaningful partnerships to create and implement collaborative solutions to this epidemic. We must continue to do everything we can to end this opioid crisis, and we are excited to work with you, and wholeheartedly support this funding request, and wish you every success in the grant review process.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
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