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Director Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP
Director of National Drug Control Policy
Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
1800 G Street NW, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Director Gupta:

As you consider applications for the Office of National Drug Control Policy's (ONDCP) Competitive Cooperative Agreement Solicitation, Combating Overdose through Community Level Intervention for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, I write to bring your attention to the application submitted by Fentanyl Fathers.

Founded in 2022, Fentanyl Fathers is a national non-profit with the mission of hosting educational assemblies and providing resources on the dangers of fentanyl and fake pills for high school aged youth. Leveraging its success in schools, Fentanyl Fathers plans to expand its services across Ohio, Michigan, Florida, and Alaska to provide 300 school-wide assemblies to over 300,000 students. These assemblies will educate students on the dangers of fentanyl and train them how to recognize and respond to a fentanyl overdose.

With ONDCP funding, Fentanyl Fathers hopes to recruit and train bereaved-parent speakers – who sit at the center of the organization's innovative model –to lead Fentanyl Fathers' school-wide assemblies. Fentanyl Fathers also intends to partner with local health departments and community stakeholders to procure and distribute naloxone to schools, advocate for school overdose response policies, provide naloxone training for school administrators and members of the community, and track opioid overdose reversal statistics.

As you evaluate applicants for ONDCP's Competitive Cooperative Agreement Solicitation, Combating Overdose through Community Level Intervention, please give full and fair consideration to the application submitted by Fentanyl Fathers.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator