

HB 212 – “Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency – Immunity”

House Judiciary Committee

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Position: Support

My eldest son, Sean died of a 100% pure fentanyl overdose seven years ago on December 16th. He was 23. This was at the very beginning of the fentanyl crisis. The two individuals that were with my son did not call 911 right away, we aren't sure why, they were probably scared. I wanted nothing more than to punish those two individuals when my son died. I was very angry and I was very broken, but I soon realized that neither one of them filled that capsule with fentanyl. They were not responsible, they were simply two other individuals in active addiction, and any one of them could have gotten that lethal dose.

Since my son's death we have worked tirelessly to expand the language and the knowledge of the Good Samaritan law so that people know that they are protected when calling for help when they witness an overdose. Having the knowledge of this protection encourages individuals to make that phone call to 911 to get someone there to help the person that is suffering the overdose. HB212 expands these protections for individuals even further. This expansion is truly needed if we want the public to put their full trust in the Good Samaritan Law. Without the trust from the public, we will continue to experience the unnecessary loss of lives. Lives of individuals that could have major positive impact on society and the recovery of others.

Please support HB212

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