



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TODD GLORIA
MAYOR

February 21, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Thune and Leader Schumer:

As Mayor of the City of San Diego, I write in strong support of the *Halt All Lethal Trafficking (HALT) of Fentanyl Act* (S. 331). As you know, the bill permanently classifies fentanyl-related substances as Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. By recognizing fentanyl's high potential for abuse and providing law enforcement with more tools to hold individuals accountable who flood local communities with fentanyl, the bill is a critical step in addressing the scourge of fentanyl in the United States.

The City of San Diego along with communities – suburban, urban, and rural – across the country have witnessed the consequences of the fentanyl epidemic. Over the past few years, fentanyl has rapidly become the leading cause of overdose deaths in the United States due to its prevalence on American streets and high potency, especially among our unsheltered population.

It is time to pass meaningful legislation to counter the existential crisis that is fentanyl. The *HALT Fentanyl Act* is critical in this fight. For too long, the United States has temporarily classified fentanyl as Schedule 1. This has left

the American people and law enforcement uncertain about the resources at the country's disposal to combat the drug. By passing the *HALT Fentanyl Act*, the United States could better prevent addiction and death at the hands of fentanyl and fentanyl-related narcotics.

American families every day are torn apart when their loved ones fall victim to fentanyl. There is now an opportunity to turn the tide against this poison. With the support of Americans from every walk of life, I urge the Senate to save lives and pass the *HALT Fentanyl Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Gloria". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TODD GLORIA
Mayor
City of San Diego