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Chairman Stephen Owens
Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for allowing me to appear in strong support of HB 2487.

I serve the people of Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, and Kickapoo here in the Kansas House. And my community has been deeply impacted by the fentanyl that is pouring across our southern border and pouring into our cities.

According to Chief Pat Kitchens, the Chief of the Leavenworth Police Department, they responded to over 40 calls for fentanyl overdoses. And nearly a dozen of those calls resulted in the death of the overdose victim. How many of those deaths were a result of a delay because the other people present were reluctant to call authorities for fear of arrest and prosecution on drug possession?

If we can save just one of those overdose victims, all of the work to pass this legislation will have been worth it.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Proctor".

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