

January 24, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Whip  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Minority Whip  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Congressman Hoyer, and Congressman Scalise:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations we write to express our strong support for the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act (S. 3201), which would extend for 15 months the classification of fentanyl-like substances under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. We urge the House to pass S. 3201 to ensure our collective efforts to prevent drug poisoning deaths are not interrupted.

Drug overdose deaths are surging across the country due in large part to synthetic opioids, including fentanyl. To help combat this, the Drug Enforcement Administration has used an authority that Congress granted to temporarily include fentanyl and its analogues under Schedule I. S. 3201 would extend the temporary scheduling for 15 months and it is critical that Congress pass bill before the existing designation expires on February 6, 2020.

We urge Congress to pass this bipartisan legislation to help law enforcement do its part to save lives. We appreciate your efforts to provide resources to counter the drug epidemic impacting our communities. Quickly passing this legislation before February 6, 2020 will allow that important work to continue.

Please do not hesitate to call upon our associations for additional information.

Sincerely,

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association  
National Association of Police Organizations  
National District Attorneys Association  
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition  
National Sheriffs' Association  
Major Cities Chiefs Association  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
Sergeants Benevolent Association