

Allowing pushers who sell drugs which cause homicide to go free ensures more families will lose loved ones. Please vote in support of Taylor's law.

Addiction and mental illness cause enough pain for families and those close to the suffering person. We know this first hand. Taylor was a force of nature, who could get most anyone to smile. He could charm you, and frustrate you, and he was a friend to so many. Taylor's death did not only affect his immediate family. It affected our entire community. The chemical imbalance that causes addiction is not a choice, and Taylor fought his demons, as many who suffer do. He did not choose to die. His dealer on the other hand, *chose* to push drugs which were not as advertised. The very drugs that caused his death.

Taylor's death has impacted our family immensely. We have suffered loss of family members in the past, and while those hit us hard at the time, they were "normal circle of life." Taylor's loss has caused my daughter, his friend, so much pain. Our school and church community was all shocked and saddened. No parent should bury their child. For my daughter and Taylor's other close friends, The shock, the senseless nature, have left such a hole. The dealer's life goes on. Ours and others have paused. They have Lost time at work and at school. They have experienced delays in graduating from college, needed to participate in numerous counseling sessions, suffered sleeplessness, Nightmares, lost productivity, and more importantly loss of joy, all because of this senseless act.

Taylor did not choose to die, and I have to believe his pusher knew what he was giving him. We hope once dealers are punished for their actions, they will be less likely to cause the pain we have experienced. Please save another community and other families from such senseless loss!

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