



*Imagine what you can learn!*

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To Whom It May Concern:

We urge you to pass HB 2979, also known as Taylor's Law, which would require a prison term for those individuals who manufacture or provide drugs that result in the death of an individual who used the drugs provided.

As a school district personnel, we work with young people every day who are approached by individuals trying to sell them drugs and unfortunately, many choose to go down that route. Drugs are easily accessible and the percent of individuals dying of fentanyl overdose in Washington is up 70% compared to last year.

The idea that someone selling or manufacturing any substance that results in another person's death can go unpunished is deplorable. When we are talking about losing our young people, it is unforgivable.

We hope you will consider supporting HB 2979 and that no other parent should have to watch the individual who caused their child's death go unpunished. We hope Oregon will take the lead in this important work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Bergeron".

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