

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this email in support of Taylors Law. My husband and I have over 70 years together, working with problem youth and adults. Many who had been drug addicted.

There is many facets regarding the Opioid Epidemic. And at this point across our country this is a fact that it has become an epidemic. One huge issue is getting the drugs off the streets in our community. Drug dealers are not afraid of the law and the laws governing dealing these type of drugs. It has been a secret to the community regarding these horrible drugs that are originally given by prescription by Medical Doctors. Many people think because it started with prescriptions it is accepted. Drug dealers, and the manufactures of opioid drugs have known for years the dangers of addiction and how easy it is to become addicted and how very hard it is to get off these drugs.

Concurrently we need to appraise everyone in the Community about this epidemic and the far reaching problems that this epidemic has caused families, individuals and the community as a whole. We have read some posts from individuals that think it is solely upon the individual to take responsibility for their own problems with Opioid Epidemic. This attitude comes from people who know nothing about this problem, and they are only blaming the victim. The Community and these critics are only in denial, until it happens to one of their friends or family. The problem is far reaching. Taylor's Law is again a piece that is needed to help assist with drug treatment. We need all avenues to assist the individual who is addicted to these very dangerous drugs. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to advocate for this much needed law.

Regards,

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