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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer  
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of Fentanyl and Substance Use Related Legislation**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer,

The City of Vista is encouraged that the Assembly Public Safety Committee will be considering a slate of bills that could help save countless lives throughout our state. The City of Vista supports several critically needed fentanyl and substance use-related pieces of legislation. These measures would stem the tide of illicit substance-related deaths in California and bring relief to the many communities mourning tragic, preventable deaths.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 71,000 people died from synthetic opioid-related overdose in the United States in 2021, of which, 7,000 deaths occurred in California. In other words, 1 out of every 10 deaths from synthetic opioids in the United States occurs in California. The increase of drug-related overdose deaths is largely being driven by the increase in synthetic opioid-related deaths, primarily fentanyl.

Local communities experience the realities of the opioid epidemic every day through the increasing toll on families, first responders, educators, child welfare agencies, public safety officials, health professionals, and community organizations, among others. As committed partners in finding solutions to address the growing substance use crisis in our state, the City of Vista supports the following measures:

**Assembly Public Safety Special Hearing on Fentanyl**

AB 33 (Bains) Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force.

AB 367 (Maienschein) Controlled Substances: Enhancements.

AB 474 (Rodriguez) State Threat Assessment Center: Transnational Criminal Organizations.

AB 955 (Petrie-Norris) Controlled Substances

Now, more than ever, is the time to take action on measures that will preserve human life and improve the safety and well-being of all Californians. For these reasons, the City of Vista requests your support on these fentanyl related measures.

Sincerely,



John Franklin  
Mayor

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