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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for Jake's Bill. Opioid addiction has affected my family in the most tragic of ways. I have seen first-hand how this addiction destroys lives. I truly believe that Jake was not aware of the risks he was taking when he tried heroin the first time. He had no idea that this drug was highly addictive and that he was starting a fight for his life that he would lose. If he had known, he may not have ever tried it and that is the only way anyone can be safe from its devastating effects.

Knowledge is the weapon we can use to arm our children so they are protected them from opioid addiction. I am an educator in the North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale School District. I believe that a curriculum designed for students between fifth and twelfth grades is the tool needed to ensure that they are armed with that knowledge. Please vote to pass Jake's Bill and give our children the opportunity to be informed and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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