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RE: Senate Bill 21 - Notice of Support, As Amended 1/17/24

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Senate Bill 21. The legislation reintroduces Alexandra's Law, which we supported in 2023, and requires that a written advisory be issued to a person convicted of a fentanyl-related drug offense. The advisory outlines the dangers of distributing illicit drugs, as well as the potential for criminal liability if the convicted person continues to distribute fentanyl and someone dies as a result of their actions.

According to the [California Department of Public Health](#), 6,473 Californians died from a fentanyl overdose in 2022. The drug is known to be 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. To address the public health and safety crisis, it is critical that the State cracks down on fentanyl drug trafficking. We see SB 21 as a thoughtful approach to curbing distribution of the drug, prioritizing both education and accountability. The bill not only creates an opportunity to inform drug dealers about the dangers of selling fentanyl, but also holds dealers accountable should they knowingly continue to distribute fentanyl and become involved in a drug-induced death.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of SB 21.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director