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To Whom It May Concern

Thank you for your time today and for the opportunity to speak about something so heavy in my heart.

On February 17, 2023, I got a call that no parent ever wants to get about their child. She was not hurt, her diabetes was not acting up, she didn't want food or snacks, SHE Cheyenne Rae McCombs was deceased. No longer with us, her life was taken way too soon by Fentanyl poisoning. Cheyenne was bright, beautiful, smart, funny and she was only 20 years old. Cheyenne not only left behind parents and 3 siblings, but she also leaves behind her baby girl Stella who is about to turn 2. Our family is broken and so grief stricken.

After meeting with the police, the detective on the case and getting the autopsy and toxicology reports we found out our baby girl was in a basement for hours before anyone called for help. In a houseful of people, she was left lying there to die, everyone scattered, scared, or for whatever reason too scared to call for help. I was not there so I cannot say for sure, but I believe if there were a Good Samaritan Overdose Law here in Kansas our Sweet Cheyenne may have had a chance to live.

Since my daughter's passing, I have learned much more about the Fentanyl Epidemic, I have met so many families that have been through the same thing. My hopes and prayers are that this law be passed and in turn can possibly save thousands of lives. There is addiction all over the State of Kansas and it's not just Fentanyl, this law can bring confidence and awareness that if someone is in an active overdose it is safe to call for help, it is safe to do everything you can to save them.

I will never stop working within my community to bring awareness, Narcan, test strips, and free information and help resources, however nothing would make my grieving heart feel more better than being a part of something so big such as the Good Samaritan Overdose Law.

I want to thank you for the chance to give a testimony today, and your kindness and consideration to help us make a difference in the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Kristy Sherley

"A grief stricken Momma"