

I run a nonprofit that educates young people age 15-24 years old on the dangers of fentanyl ingestion. I founded this nonprofit 6 months after my son Eli Weinstock died from an accidental fentanyl ingestion. While I personally feel a lot of anger about the death of my son, there is really no empirical evidence that Drug-Induced Homicide prosecutions reduce the number of fentanyl-related deaths. In fact, as Drug-Induced homicide charges have increased across the country in the last few years, overdose deaths continue to rise in these same areas. Increased incarceration will lead to further crowding of prisons, disruption of family life, little hope for future employment or housing, all while not doing anything to treat the substance use disorder that drives so many of these drug traffickers. And as we know, Black and brown people bear the brunt of these convictions.