



May 15, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
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The Honorable James Gallagher
Republican Leader, State Assembly
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RE: Action Needed on Fentanyl and Substance Use-Related Legislation

Dear Speaker Rendon and Assembly Republican Leader Gallagher,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) requests to participate in the upcoming informational hearing on fentanyl and urges the Legislature to take further action this year to address the fentanyl crisis.

Cities are committed to enacting legislative solutions that strike an appropriate balance between community justice and public safety. However delaying additional legislative action another year will undoubtedly result in many more lives lost.

Constituents throughout California are relying on their legislators to act swiftly.

Fentanyl poisonings and the rising death toll illustrate a complex issue that requires a multi-faceted and collaborative approach. Cal Cities supports additional funding and resources to address the substance use crisis through appropriate prevention and intervention efforts, educational awareness campaigns, and increased access to life-saving overdose treatment aids such as naloxone.

Cities not only welcome increased collaboration with our state and federal partners, but we truly require it in order to meaningfully address the fentanyl crisis facing our communities.

For these reasons, Cal Cities calls on the Legislature to thoughtfully deliberate on and provide solutions for one of the most pressing issues of our time. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Elisa Arcidiacono at earcidiacono@calcities.org or Caroline Cirrincione at ccirincione@calcities.org.

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