

Erie County
Opiate Epidemic Task Force:
Family & Consumer Support
and Advocacy Section



_____, 2017

Dear Assemblymember _____,

The United States in the midst of an opioid crisis of epidemic proportions with an estimated death toll of 64,000 individuals in 2016 alone. This death rate is fueled by foreign predatory drug dealers through fentanyl derivatives which are added to heroin and sold at the street level. Countless families are grieving the loss of their loved ones and the unforeseen consequences of this epidemic have not yet been fully realized.

We support Laree's Law, New York State Assembly Bill A 3398 that establishes the crime of homicide by sale of an opiate controlled substance. A bipartisan effort and support of this measure is crucial to increase the safety of our community streets, neighborhoods, and families. Expeditious passage of this law is necessary to assisting us with addressing this public health crisis.

The health, safety and well-being of an entire generation, and generations to come, is in peril and passage of Laree's Law is a step in the right direction to ensuring their chance for survival so that they may achieve recovery and a hopeful future.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
