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PORAC Applauds Passage of HALT Fentanyl Act to Combat the Devastating Synthetic Opioid Crisis

Largest statewide law enforcement association in the nation commends federal action to permanently schedule Fentanyl and similar substances

Sacramento, CA – [Peace Officers Research Association of California \(PORAC\)](#), the largest statewide law enforcement association in the nation representing over 83,000 public safety professionals and 955 associations, applauds the recent passage of the [HALT Fentanyl Act](#) (S. 331) into law and thanks Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) for [leading](#) this critical effort. PORAC commends Congress and the President for taking decisive action to permanently classify harmful fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs, giving law enforcement the clarity and tools they need to stop the spread of synthetic opioids.

“Fentanyl and similar substances remain one of the greatest public safety and public health threats facing our nation,” **said Brian R. Marvel, President of PORAC.** “By permanently classifying these dangerous drugs as Schedule I substances, this legislation enhances the vital role our officers play in removing these deadly substances from our streets and holding those peddling this poison accountable.”

The HALT Fentanyl Act codifies the temporary scheduling of fentanyl-related substances into law, helping law enforcement agencies nationwide prosecute illicit distribution. Further, the law streamlines research into new fentanyl-related compounds. PORAC strongly supports policies that address both enforcement and prevention to turn the tide on this devastating epidemic and keep our nation’s communities safe.

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About the Peace Officers Research Association of California:

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. PORAC represents over 83,000 public safety members and over 955 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.