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AG Moody Fights to Pass FIGHT Act

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—According to the 2018 Florida Medical Examiner's Annual Report, last year fentanyl caused the most drug-related deaths, and deaths caused by fentanyl increased by 35 percent over 2017's numbers. Confronted by the threat posed by fentanyl in Florida, Attorney General Ashley Moody today joined a bipartisan multistate effort of all 56 attorneys general in urging Congress to pass Senate Bill 2701, the Federal Initiative to Guarantee Health by Targeting Fentanyl Act. This act would permanently classify fentanyl as a Schedule 1 substance.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Passing S.2701 will help Florida better combat the opioid crisis. Federal scheduling of fentanyl will help continue the reduction in the supply by ensuring that our law enforcement agencies and courts have the tools they need to keep those who peddle this lethal substance off our streets."

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency issued a temporary order classifying fentanyl-related compounds as Schedule 1 drugs this past February; this order is set to expire on Feb. 6, 2020. S.2701, FIGHT Fentanyl Act, codifies this temporary order, keeping fentanyl-related substances classified as Schedule 1 drugs.

Attorney General Moody joined a bipartisan multistate coalition of all states' attorneys general in sending a letter to the leaders of the U.S. Senate urging passage of the bill.

To view the full letter, click here.

Fighting the opioid crisis is one of Attorney General Moody's top priorities. Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Attorney General Moody Chair of the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse earlier this year, and the Task Force recently held its second meeting in Pasco County. To learn more, click here.

The Attorney General's office created a one-stop shop of information and resources on opioid abuse called Dose of Reality. DoseofRealityFL.com is a website that seeks to educate Floridians about the dangers of misusing prescription painkillers and other opioids, such as heroin and fentanyl.