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Please do everything you can to pass this bill to hold drug dealers accountable for their role in death resulting from their dealings.

I lost two precious sons, Dennis and Sean Thibault, on June 18, 2015 to overdoses of pure Fentanyl. Hard working men, masters of their crafts, proud and strong, struck down at the start of this insidious plague here in Vermont. The loss is unbearable.

That fatal drug was delivered to them by a career drug dealer named Robert Robidoux, who KNEW from earlier non-fatal overdoses that very day that he was delivering death.

It took 7 years to bring him to justice, only to have him serve a mere 17 months in jail.

He received a sentence of 4 years, but was given 2 years credit for time served on a completely separate Federal charge. He was given further credit for "good boy time" while he was incarcerated on the State charge for Dennis and Sean.

17 months, for killing 2 men. This was not justice.

If we want to make an impact on this scourge that is affecting THE ENTIRE WORLD, we need to do what Vermont does best; trailblaze.

We have been a leader in effective change for our country before, we absolutely need to take an aggressive approach to the increasing overdoses that are killing our loved ones.

I know you all have likely been affected by this loss, either directly or indirectly.

Please take action, in the name of those lost to this unprecedented crisis.

I would like this statement to become a permanent record of my support for this bill.

Thank you,
Penny Thibault