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# Senator Joan Huffman

Senate District 17

## **Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 2344 to Strengthen the State's Efforts to Stop the Fentanyl Epidemic**

AUSTIN — Today, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 2344, which if passed into law would allow for prosecutors to charge a person with murder that knowingly manufactures or delivers fentanyl that causes the death of a user.

“The fentanyl epidemic is unlike anything we have ever seen as a state,” Huffman said. “Texans are losing their lives to this lethal poison everyday and the sheer number of overdoses we continue to witness across the state is truly shocking. To those who are manufacturing or delivering this lethal poison, you will be held accountable for your absolute disregard for human life. I want to thank Governor Abbott for working with me on this issue as we remain unequivocally united in our effort to protect Texans from the dangers of fentanyl.”

*(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Legislative Budget Board.)*

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