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Senator Anthony J. Portantino
Capitol Office
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support the promotion of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray and fentanyl testing

Dear the Office of Senator Anthony J. Portantino,

On behalf of the The San Francisco Youth Commission. I am writing to express our support for your bill, SB 997 (Portantino). SB 997 would permit students in middle and highschool to carry a federally approved naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray by supplying them in schools that are operated by a local educational agency.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

The Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and funding of Naloxone programs in all San Francisco schools shown in our 2022-2023 Budget and

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Policy Priorities. Commissioners have been actively engaging with public school students to learn about the quality of Naloxone education and how that varies differently from each school. The Youth Commission values the needs of youth in San Francisco that use Naloxone and inquire about the knowledge needed to consume it safely.

Ensuring that all students ranging from middle school to high school have access to medical needs like naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray is essential to take preventative measures and promote the health and well being of youth in San Francisco. It is vital when emergencies arise at school, during school hours, that there are safe procedures that can be taken to immediately assist the student and provide medical necessities. Thank you for your continued leadership on this pressing concern for youth.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer, Chair

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