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Hayes Campaign Responds to HALT Fentanyl Act Vote, Highlights Contrast on Public Safety and Addiction Crisis

PITTSBURGH, PA — The campaign for James Hayes for U.S. Congress (PA-12) issued the following statement in response to the recent vote on the HALT Fentanyl Act, which saw bipartisan support in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“Seventy-four House Democrats joined Republicans in recognizing the urgency of the fentanyl crisis and voted in favor of the HALT Fentanyl Act. Unfortunately, Congresswoman Summer Lee chose to vote against this critical legislation,” said Hayes.

The Hayes campaign emphasized that the legislation represented an opportunity to take meaningful action against the growing fentanyl epidemic, which has devastated families and communities across Western Pennsylvania.

“Families throughout our region have experienced unimaginable loss due to fentanyl. This was a moment to stand with law enforcement, support stronger protections, and send a clear message that we are serious about addressing this crisis,” Hayes continued. “Instead, we saw a vote that reflects a pattern of being out of step with the real challenges facing our communities.”

The campaign noted that the fentanyl crisis continues to impact thousands of individuals and families across Pennsylvania, underscoring the need for coordinated action at the federal level.

“Western Pennsylvania deserves leadership that acknowledges the severity of this epidemic and is willing to take action to protect lives,” Hayes added. “We cannot afford to ignore the consequences of inaction while families continue to suffer.”

The Hayes campaign reaffirmed its commitment to prioritizing public safety, supporting law enforcement, and addressing the addiction crisis through policies that focus on prevention, treatment, and accountability

About James Hayes

James Hayes is a candidate for U.S. Congress in Pennsylvania's 12th District. A Western Pennsylvania native, Hayes is focused on strengthening communities through economic opportunity, public safety, and responsible leadership. His campaign emphasizes practical solutions, support for first responders, and a commitment to bringing people together to address the challenges facing families across Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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