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RE:

Governor Cuomo's Proposal to Ban Fentanyl Analogs

BUFFALO, NY, December 16, 2019 – Cazenovia Recovery supports Governor Cuomo's proposal to ban fentanyl analogs throughout the State. This proposal reinforces New York State's position as a nationwide leader during one of the biggest health crises of our times.

Fentanyl analogs are synthetic opioids that are extremely deadly and have only exacerbated the opioid crisis. By adding fentanyl analogs to the list of the State's register of controlled substances, prosecutorial loopholes will be closed and lives will be saved. This will ensure the health and safety of all New Yorkers.

The Governor also called for increasing access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) across the state. MAT is an important aspect of treating substance use disorders. When paired with clinical interventions, MAT has helped to increase outcomes for people receiving treatment for substance use disorders.

Providers of substance use treatment and support services like Cazenovia Recovery are on the front lines of the opioid epidemic, and we greatly appreciate any efforts from the Governor's office to support those most affected by the crisis. These two proposals are important steps that will undoubtedly help families throughout New York. We look forward to continuing to work with the Governor's office in hopes of increasing funding for the sector so that we can continue to save lives together every day.

Founded in 1980, Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc. provides residential treatment and support services in Erie and Niagara Counties for people with substance use disorders.

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