

# Cracking Down on Fentanyl Epidemic:

## Slater Introduces Bill to Hold Dealers Accountable for Overdose Deaths



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Every day, roughly 15 New Yorkers die of a drug overdose.\*

## ***Assemblyman Matt Slater is fighting back!***

New Yorkers are being drastically affected by the opioid and fentanyl epidemic, with a shocking rise in opioid-related deaths.

But New York law makes it nearly impossible for local prosecutors to hold drug dealers accountable for the deaths they cause.

**Assemblyman Matt Slater wrote legislation empowering local prosecutors to charge dealers for the death of an individual with homicide.** If passed, this would fix a flaw that too often lets drug dealers off the hook when federal prosecutors refuse to charge low-level dealers. (A.2021)

\* <https://oasas.ny.gov/overdose-death-dashboard>



### Putnam County DA, **Robert Tendy:**

"In 2023, fentanyl killed over 70,000 people in America, and not enough is being done about it. It is a tragedy of unbelievable proportions and why I am in full support of Assemblyman Matt Slater's piece of legislation. We have children, parents and grandparents dying from fentanyl every year, and it has to stop."

*Assemblyman  
Matt Slater (center),  
speaking with Putnam  
County DA and ADA,  
Robert Tendy and  
Breanne Smith.*

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