

Ohio voters need to know that Sherrod Brown is always working for the people of Ohio and should hear example after example of the clear ways Sherrod Brown has made a difference for people across the state.

Sherrod Brown wrote and fought to pass a law that made sure over one hundred thousand Ohio workers got back the pensions they earned after Wall Street gambled away their retirement.

Sherrod Brown worked with Republicans to pass major legislation to expand health care for hundreds of thousands of Ohio veterans who suffered severe health complications, including cancer and lung disease, as a result of exposure to toxic burn pits during their service.

Sherrod Brown is leading the fight to keep fentanyl out of our communities. He wrote the bill that cracks down on money laundering and the fentanyl supply chain from China and Mexico, and gives Ohio law enforcement the tools they need.

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HIGHLIGHTS

“Now that the Butch Lewis Act has taken effect, over a million retirees and workers can enjoy their retirement without fretting over financial security.” [Toledo Blade, [7/1/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “U.S. Sen. Brown’s Butch Lewis Act Has Big Impact” [Business Journal Daily, [4/12/22](#)]

“Brown led efforts with the Butch Lewis Act.” [WKBN, [4/11/22](#)]

HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Touts Pension Bill” [Vindicator, [8/11/23](#)]

“secured thirty years of pension payments for workers and retirees participating in endangered multiemployer pension plans.” [Toledo Blade, [7/1/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Celebrates The Passage Of The Butch Lewis Act” [Hometown Stations, [3/7/21](#)]

“The Greatest Victory For American Workers In Recent Memory” [The Intercept, [3/22/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “Senator Sherrod Brown Pushes For Passing Of ‘Butch Lewis Act’” [WTRF, [1/31/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Retirees Still Desperately Seeking Fix For Pensions” [Columbus Dispatch, [2/11/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Proposes Plan To Protect Pensions” [The Courier, [11/06/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Keeping Promises To Pensioners” [Toledo Blade, Editorial, [3/20/21](#)]

“ensures that promises from employers to employees are kept.” [Toledo Blade, Editorial, [3/20/21](#)]

“A tip of the hat goes to Sen. Sherrod Brown” [Toledo Blade, Editorial, [3/20/21](#)]

“Pension protection is critical, both for its morality and for its necessity. Pensions are a lifeline for older citizens. They should not lose their retirement money at the time they are depending on it.” [Toledo Blade, Editorial, [3/20/21](#)]

“Were it not for the language in the new federal law, many people who spent decades toiling in union jobs would be in jeopardy of losing their benefits through no wrongdoing on their part. Forces conspired to put their retirement plans at risk.” [Toledo Blade, Editorial, [3/20/21](#)]

“Sherrod Brown long has been pressing his Senate colleagues to act on the Butch Lewis Act.” [Akron Beacon Journal, Editorial, [7/30/19](#)]

THE BUTCH LEWIS ACT SAVED THE PENSIONS OF 100,000 OHIO WORKERS

WKBN: “Brown Led Efforts With The Butch Lewis Act.” “Brown led efforts with the Butch Lewis Act. The act was included in the American Rescue Plan, which will restore more than 100,000 pensions for Ohioans, including for people right here in the Valley.” [WKBN, [4/11/22](#)]

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Zanesville Times Recorder: “At Bimbo, More Than 12,000 Active Workers And Thousands Of Retired Workers Nationwide Now Have Secure Pensions.” “Since then, Brown has been advocating to restore workers’ pensions as he believes workers should be at the center of the country’s economic policy [...] At Bimbo, more than 12,000 active workers and thousands of retired workers nationwide now have secure pensions that were in jeopardy for years, said Scot Donaldson, senior human relations manager for Bimbo Bakeries.” [Zanesville Times Recorder, [9/27/21](#)]

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2017: BROWN WROTE AND INTRODUCED THE BUTCH LEWIS ACT

HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Proposes Plan To Protect Pensions” [The Courier, [11/06/17](#)]

2017: Brown Introduced The Butch Lewis Act To Save Workers’ Pensions Threatened By Massive Cuts. “U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) has joined U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio-13th district) and Ohio retirees at Teamsters Local 377 in Youngstown to announce Brown’s plans to introduce legislation intended to ensure Ohio retirees can keep the pensions they have earned. Numerous Ohio pension plans, including the massive Central States Teamsters Pension Plan, the United Mine Workers Pension Plan, the Ironworkers Local 17 Pension Plan, the Ohio Southwest Carpenters Pension Plan and the Bakers and Confectioners Pension Plan are currently on the brink of failure and threatened by massive cuts. Brown plans to introduce legislation that he says would put the pension plans back on solid footing and ensure they can meet their obligations to current retirees and workers for decades to come, without cuts. Brown will name the bill after Butch Lewis, the former retired head of Teamsters Local 100 in Evendale, Ohio.” [The Courier, [11/06/17](#)]

- **The Courier: “Brown Intends To Lead The Charge In Congress To Include The Fix For Pensions In Any Year End Legislative Priorities.”** “Brown intends to lead the charge in Congress to include the fix for pensions in any year end legislative priorities. ‘It’s bad enough that Wall Street squandered workers’ money — and it’s worse that the government that’s supposed to look out for these folks is trying to break the promise made to these workers. Not on our watch. We won’t allow that to happen,’ Brown said.” [The Courier, [11/06/17](#)]

2018 – 2021: BROWN FOUGHT FOR BUTCH LEWIS

HEADLINE: “Senator Sherrod Brown Pushes For Passing Of ‘Butch Lewis Act’” [WTRF, [1/31/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Retirees Still Desperately Seeking Fix For Pensions” [Columbus Dispatch, [2/11/19](#)]

PULL QUOTE: “Brown And Fellow Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, Who Have More Than 60,000 Constituents Saddled With These Troubled Plans, Vowed To Press On.” “Last year, a joint committee of House members and senators vowed to solve the problem of what to do with troubled multi-employer pensions. They had until Nov. 30 to come up with a solution. They missed the deadline, but Brown and fellow Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who have more than 60,000 constituents saddled with these troubled plans, vowed to press on.” [Columbus Dispatch, [2/11/19](#)]

PULL QUOTE: “Brown, A Democrat Who Co-Chaired The Joint Committee Tasked With Solving The Problem, Has Vowed To Keep Fighting.” “Brown, a Democrat who co-chaired the joint committee tasked with solving the problem, has vowed to keep fighting. Even as he weighs a bid for the White House, he insists his commitment to solving the problem hasn’t changed. Last year, he introduced a bill named after Butch Lewis that aimed to end the crisis by creating a loan program for plans in critical, declining and insolvent status.” [Columbus Dispatch, [2/11/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Addresses Pension Crisis During Visit To Dayton” [Dayton 247 Now, [2/16/18](#)]

PULL QUOTE: “Senator Sherrod Brown Has Introduced A Bill In Honor Of Butch Lewis That Would Put Failing Pensions Back On Solid Ground.” “Senator Sherrod Brown will be at Tuesday’s address and he is bringing a guest with

him fighting for pensioned workers. Rita Lewis's husband, the late Butch Lewis, worked for 40 years as a trucker and Teamster in southern Ohio [...] Senator Sherrod Brown has introduced a bill in honor of Butch Lewis that would put failing pensions back on solid ground.” [WTOL, [1/30/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Senators Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman Plan Hearing On Pension Crisis” [WBXU, [7/11/18](#)]

PULL QUOTE: “Brown Said He’s Open To A Compromise With Republicans And That The Committee’s Solution Must Be Bipartisan.” “Brown’s bill, called the Butch Lewis Act, would offer low-interest, 30-year loans from the Treasury Department for struggling plans. Brown said he’s open to a compromise with Republicans and that the committee’s solution must be bipartisan.” [WVXU, [7/11/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Thousands Fight To Restore Pensions: ‘It’s Like We’re Invisible’” [Dayton Daily News, [2/12/18](#)]

PENSIONS WERE THREATENED BY WALL STREET’S GAMBLING

The Intercept: Public Pension Funds Managed By Wall Street Squandered Tens Of Billions Of Dollars On Risky, Often Poor-Performing Investments. “A ‘Wall Street coup’ — that’s how pension expert Edward ‘Ted’ Siedle describes it. Public pensions across the country now squander tens of billions of dollars each year on risky, often poor-performing alternative investments — money public pensions can ill afford to waste. For all the talk of insolvency, \$4 trillion now sits in the coffers of the country’s public pensions. It’s a giant pile of money of intense interest to Wall Street — one generally overseen by boards stocked with laypeople, often political appointees. ‘Time and again,’ Siedle has written, ‘hucksters successfully pull the wool over these boards’ eyes.” [The Intercept, [10/20/18](#)]

The Intercept: Pension Funds Were “Devastated” By Wall Street-Driven Changes In The Economy And Investment Management. “Wall Street-driven changes in the economy and in pension fund investment management have devastated the funds in recent years, as private equity-backed companies have gone bankrupt and stopped their contributions to the funds and pension funds have loaded up on risky new strategies in foreign stocks, active management, real estate, and private equity. While a systematic study of multiemployer fund performance has not been done, the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College found in 2018 that public sector pensions had lost out on \$600 billion worth of returns due to Wall Street-driven risky investment.” [The Intercept, [3/22/21](#)]

Akron Beacon Journal: Pensions Were Struggling Due To Wall Street’s “Collapse.” “But before the elected leaders take to the drawing board in hopes of crafting a bipartisan solution to protect pensions, those at risk of losing their livelihood and retirement made it a point to have their voices heard and blow off a little steam in the process. Those in attendance said their elected officeholders have pushed this problem off for too long. Retirees spent years paying into multi-employer pension funds with the hope of having that money when they finish working. With the Wall Street collapse and subsequent recession, those funds are now struggling and in need of support.” [Akron Beacon Journal, [7/12/18](#)]

SHERROD BROWN WORKED WITH REPUBLICANS TO PASS MAJOR LEGISLATION TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OHIO VETERANS WHO SUFFERED SEVERE HEALTH COMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO TOXIC BURN PITS DURING THEIR SERVICE.

HIGHLIGHTS

“The PACT Act is the result of a years-long fight by Brown, veterans and advocates to secure access to Department of Veterans Affairs health care and disability benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxins.” [Journal-News, [4/1/23](#)]

“PACT Act is a historic, newer law that expands VA healthcare and benefits for veterans who may have been exposed to burn pits or other toxic substances.” [WTOV, [9/6/22](#)]

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“the Senate passed a bill to aid veterans exposed to hazardous toxins.” [Washington Post, Editorial, [8/4/22](#)]

“**PACT Act Keeps Faith With Health Needs Of America’s Veterans (Editorial)**” [MassLive, Editorial, [6/20/23](#)]

"The law represents the largest expansion of veterans' health care in generations. It covers exposures to toxins and other chemicals that the U.S. government has been slow to acknowledge routinely resulted in injury." [MassLive, Editorial, [6/20/23](#)]

HEADLINE: "America Honors Its Promise To Veterans After All With PACT Act" [Seattle Times, Editorial, [8/11/22](#)]

BROWN WORKED WITH REPUBLICANS TO PASS THE PACT ACT

NPR: The PACT Act Passed The Senate In A Bipartisan 86-11 Vote. "The U.S. Senate, in a bipartisan 86-11 vote, approved a measure to provide health care and benefits for millions of veterans injured by exposure to toxins, from Agent Orange in Vietnam to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan. Known as the PACT Act, the bill no longer would force generations of veterans to prove that their illness was caused by toxic exposures suffered in the military in order to get VA coverage. It had been hailed as the largest expansion of care in VA history, and was expected to cost \$280 billion over a decade." [NPR, [8/2/22](#)]

Journal-News: The PACT Act Was "The Result Of A Years-Long Fight By Brown" To "Secure Access To Department Of Veterans Affairs Health Care And Disability Benefits For Veterans Who Were Exposed To Toxins." The legislation is named after Sgt. 1st Class Heath Robinson, a Central Ohio veteran who passed away in 2020 at age 39 from lung cancer after exposure to burn pits during a one-year deployment in Iraq in 2006. The PACT Act is the result of a years-long fight by Brown, veterans and advocates to secure access to Department of Veterans Affairs health care and disability benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxins." [Journal-News, [4/1/23](#)]

Sandusky Register Editorial Board: Brown "Was In It For The Long Haul, And He, Too, Was Unwilling To Take 'No' For An Answer." "We were there. We reported about it in detail and often. And we also know that U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, was willing to fight hard for veterans. He was in it for the long haul, and he, too, was unwilling to take 'No' for an answer. As a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Brown pushed, cajoled, charmed, demanded and finally got the nation's attention and helped make passage of the PACT Act happen. His leadership was focused and precise." [Sandusky Register, Editorial Board, [7/11/23](#)]

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Ironton Tribune Editorial: Brown Was A "Major Champion" Of The PACT Act. "The legislation, for which Brown, who serves on the U.S. Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, has been a major champion, would expand VA health care eligibility to post-9/11 combat veterans and more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans, add burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to the VA's list of service presumption and strengthen federal research on toxic exposure. The bill would also improve the VA's resources on the issue as well as training for toxic exposure veterans." [Ironton Tribune, Editorial, [8/3/22](#)]

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WTOV HEADLINE: "Sen. Brown Hears From Those Affected By Burn Pits In Iraq, Discusses PACT Act" [WTOV, [9/6/22](#)]

WTOV: The PACT Act Was "A Historic, Newer Law That Expands VA Healthcare And Benefits For Veterans Who May Have Been Exposed To Burn Pits Or Other Toxic Substances." "Senator Sherrod Brown hosted a roundtable in East Liverpool to discuss the PACT Act. PACT Act is a historic, newer law that expands VA healthcare and benefits for veterans who may have been exposed to burn pits or other toxic substances. 'This bill simply says that anyone, who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, and developed any one of these 23 illnesses, will automatically be eligible and get VA coverage,' Brown said. 'These are men and women who breathe this stuff in and far too many of them, through this exposure, got sick.'" [WTOV, [9/6/22](#)]

WKEF: The Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise To Address Comprehensive Toxics Act Was Named After Ohio Veteran Heath Robinson. "A roundtable discussion on local veterans who have been harmed by exposure to toxins while serving was held Wednesday afternoon in Springfield. U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) discussed the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022. The legislation was signed into law by President Biden last year. Brown was joined by veterans who have been exposed to, and affected by toxins during their military service. Its named after Robinson, a central Ohio veteran who passed away in 2020 at 39 from lung cancer, after exposure to burn pits during a one-year deployment in Iraq in 2006." [WKEF, [1/11/23](#)]

WKEF: "Brown Is Working With Ohio Veterans, Their Families And Advocates To Bring Additional Attention To Provisions In The PACT Act, So Veterans Can Get The Care They've Earned And Deserve." "Brown then visited veterans and advocates in Greene County during a roundtable with local veterans, including veterans who have been harmed by exposure to toxins while serving. They discussed the bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022. It was signed into law last year. The PACT Act secures access to Department of Veterans Affairs health care and disability benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxins. 'We have underfunded the VA in this country, and when we start doing better at funding at taking care of those people who served us, this will begin to change,' Brown said. Brown is working with Ohio veterans, their families and advocates to bring additional attention to provisions in the PACT Act, so veterans can get the care they've earned and deserve." [WKEF, [4/11/23](#)]

THE PACT ACT COVERED CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE

Department Of Veterans Affairs: The PACT Act Added Several Lung Diseases Including COPD, Chronic Bronchitis And Asthma As A Presumptive Illness For Gulf War Era And Post-9/11 Veterans. "These illnesses are now presumptive: Asthma that was diagnosed after service Chronic bronchitis Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Chronic rhinitis Chronic sinusitis Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis Emphysema Granulomatous disease Interstitial lung disease (ILD) Pleuritis Pulmonary fibrosis Sarcoidosis." [Department of Veterans Affairs, The PACT Act and your VA Benefits, Accessed [9/6/23](#)]

Department Of Veterans Affairs: The PACT Act Added Several Cancers As Presumptive Conditions For Gulf War And Post-9/11 Veterans. "We've added more than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. This change expands benefits for Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veterans. These cancers are now presumptive: Brain cancer Gastrointestinal cancer of any type Glioblastoma Head cancer of any type Kidney cancer Lymphoma of any type Melanoma Neck cancer of any type Pancreatic cancer Reproductive cancer of any type Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type" [Department of Veterans Affairs, The PACT Act and your VA Benefits, Accessed [9/6/23](#)]

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THE FENTANYL SUPPLY CHAIN FROM CHINA AND MEXICO, AND GIVES OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT THE TOOLS THEY NEED.

HIGHLIGHTS

WKRC HEADLINE: “Sen. Brown Announces New Anti-Fentanyl Bill That Would Sanction Chinese Companies, Mexican Cartels” [WKRC, [6/28/23](#)]

WTRF HEADLINE: “How An Ohio Senator Plans To Stop Fentanyl At The Source” [WTRF, [4/30/23](#)]

“Brown introduced the legislation with support from the Fraternal Order of Police” [Mahoning Matters, [4/26/23](#)]

“new proposed federal legislation will make a big difference in stopping the flow of fentanyl into this country.” [Press-Republican, Editorial, [8/10/23](#)]

BROWN WROTE THE FEND OFF FENTANYL ACT THAT WOULD CRACK DOWN ON MONEY LAUNDERING AND THE SUPPLY CHAIN FROM CHINA AND MEXICO

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Cleveland.com: Brown’s FEND Act Declared The International Trafficking Of Fentanyl A National Emergency And Required Sanctions Against Transnational Criminal Groups That Trafficked Fentanyl. “The Senate Banking Housing and Urban Affairs Committee headed by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown on Wednesday signed off on separate bills that would claw back pay of bank executives who steer their institutions to failure, and that target the supply chain for fentanyl. The Cleveland Democrat told reporters that both bills – which he introduced with the committee’s top Republican, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina – would make a big difference for the country if both chambers of Congress approve them and they’re signed into law. The committee unanimously approved their ‘FEND Off Fentanyl Act,’ which would declare that the international trafficking of fentanyl is a national emergency, require sanctions against transnational criminal groups that traffic in fentanyl and let the Treasury Department use special measures to combat fentanyl-related money laundering, among other provisions.” [Cleveland.com, [6/21/23](#)]

Cleveland.com: The FEND Act Let The Treasury Department Use Special Measures To Combat Fentanyl-Related Money Laundering. “The committee unanimously approved their ‘FEND Off Fentanyl Act,’ which would declare that the international trafficking of fentanyl is a national emergency, require sanctions against transnational criminal groups that traffic in fentanyl and let the Treasury Department use special measures to combat fentanyl-related money laundering, among other provisions.” [Cleveland.com, [6/21/23](#)]

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PRAISED THE FEND ACT AND BROWN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP COMBATTING THE FENTANYL CRISIS

National Fraternal Order Of Police President Patrick Yoes Said The FEND Act “Provide[d] Necessary Resources Needed To Combat This Ever-Growing Crisis.” “Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, cited research that explained how in 2021, nearly 107,000 Americans died from overdoses and 65% of those deaths were related to fentanyl. [...] The DEA and law enforcement partners seized over 87,000 fentanyl-laced pills in Ohio in less than four months last year. ‘The fentanyl epidemic has touched every community in America. It is destroying lives, families, and communities. I thank Senators Brown and Scott for their leadership. Their FEND Off Fentanyl Act would declare the international trafficking of fentanyl as a national emergency and provide necessary resources needed to combat this ever-growing crisis,’ said Yoes.” [Mahoning Matters, [4/26/23](#)]

- **Mahoning Matters: Brown Introduced The FEND Act “With Support From The Fraternal Order Of Police.”** “Brown introduced the legislation with support from the Fraternal Order of Police, as well as Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-SC) and the leaders of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Chairman Jack Reed (D-RI) and Ranking Member Roger Wicker (R-MS).” [Mahoning Matters, [4/26/23](#)]

Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey Said The FEND Act Would “Bolster The Tools Federal Law Enforcement Has To Track These Bad Actors And Sanction Them.” “The FEND Off Fentanyl Act would allow the U.S. government to sanction criminal organizations and drug cartels who try to traffick fentanyl across our border while reinvesting money right back to law enforcement agencies to give us the resources we need to keep our communities safe. It would bolster the tools federal law enforcement has to track these bad actors and sanction them.” [City Beat, Charmaine McGuffey Op-Ed, [6/30/23](#)]

- **Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey Op-Ed: “Senator Sherrod Brown’s Bill Would Help Law Enforcement Officers Like Me Keep Ohio Safe from Fentanyl”** [City Beat, Charmaine McGuffey Op-Ed, [6/30/23](#)]

Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey Said That Brown Was A “Leader” In Keeping Fentanyl Out Of Ohio. “He’s been a leader in keeping these dangerous drugs out of Ohio and keeping our families safe, working with folks from both parties to get legislation signed into law and resources directly to law enforcement in our local communities. Ohioans have no better champion than Senator Brown, and I’m hopeful to see his FEND Off Fentanyl Act signed into law soon.” [City Beat, Charmaine McGuffey Op-Ed, [6/30/23](#)]

Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey “Applauded Sen. Brown’s Effort” To Move The FEND Act Forward With Bipartisan Support. “Brown stopped by the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office in Cincinnati on Wednesday to explain how the legislation would target the drug’s suppliers and make treating drug addiction easier in Ohio. He was joined by Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey, Hamilton County Commission Vice President Denise Driehaus, and Newtown Police Chief Tom Synan. [...] Sheriff McGuffey applauded Sen. Brown’s effort to move the bill forward with support from both sides of the aisle. ‘To go after the source of where this is coming from is genius, and to have it be bipartisan is another example for everybody to understand we’re all in it together,’ McGuffey said.” [WVXU, [6/28/23](#)]

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National Sheriffs’ Association’s Sheriff Jim Skinner Praised Brown’s “Leadership” And “Legislation That Would Help Stop The Flow” Of Fentanyl. “Sheriffs across the country see the devastation that fentanyl is having on our communities. We praise Senator’s Scott, Brown, Reed and Wicker for their leadership and this legislation that would help stop the flow of this deadly drug. We hope that Congress will take swift action and give our communities and law enforcement added relief.” [Senator Sherrod Brown, Press Release, [5/26/23](#)]

Fraternal Order Of Police National President Patrick Yoes Thanked Brown For His Leadership Combatting The Fentanyl Crisis. “Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, cited research that explained how in 2021, nearly 107,000 Americans died from overdoses and 65% of those deaths were related to fentanyl. In Ohio, 80% of unintentional drug overdose deaths were linked to fentanyl. The DEA and law enforcement partners seized over 87,000 fentanyl-laced pills in Ohio in less than four months last year. ‘The fentanyl epidemic has touched every community in America. It is destroying lives, families, and communities. I thank Senators Brown and Scott for their leadership. Their FEND Off Fentanyl Act would declare the international trafficking of fentanyl as a national emergency and provide necessary resources needed to combat this ever-growing crisis,’ said Yoes.” [Mahoning Matters, [4/26/23](#)]

National Fraternal Order Of Police President Patrick Yoes Said They “Strongly Support” Brown’s Effort To Attack Fentanyl Trafficking. “Administrator Anne Milgram at the DEA has described fentanyl as ‘the single deadliest drug threat’ our country has ever faced, and she is right. We need to do more as a nation to interdict the flow of this drug and its precursors into our country and severely sanction individuals and organizations involved in making and distributing this poison. Senators Tim Scott and Sherrod Brown have developed a comprehensive approach that codifies an existing Executive Order giving the President broad authority to attack fentanyl trafficking by using all the resources of the United States. We strongly support this effort and look forward to working with them and with Senators Wicker and Reed to pass this important legislation.” [Senator Sherrod Brown, Press Release, [5/26/23](#)]

Mahoning County Sheriff Jerry Greene Said He Welcomed Any Legislation That “Could Potentially Hamper The Manufacturing And Distribution Of Fentanyl In The Mahoning Valley.” “Brown spoke about the bill during a Thursday news conference at the Youngstown Police Department. He was joined by Mahoning County Sheriff Jerry Greene, Youngstown police Chief Carl Davis, Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown and Brenda Heindinger, associate director of

the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Greene said fentanyl is 'what truly is killing our loved ones and our people out in the community.' Greene said he welcomes any legislation 'that could potentially hamper the manufacturing and distribution of fentanyl in the Mahoning Valley.'" [The Vindicator, [7/723](#)]