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Kimberly Tooper
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Dear Ms. Tooper:

I am writing to voice my concern about the recent adverse media regarding OxyContin. I have used OxyContin for almost seven years and as a medical oncologist I have found it to be extremely helpful in my practice. It has offered an alternative to MS Contin and has been a very effective in alleviating chronic pain in the oncology setting.

I am quite concerned because of the adverse publicity and media hyperbole regarding the OxyContin. I am finding it much more difficult to prescribe it. Specifically, many pharmacies are refusing to fill it and are being overly strict about prescription requirements. Patients are also now voicing their concern. I think this is a very unfortunate situation, where an excellent pain medication is being needlessly smeared in the Press. I am concerned that this will lead to over-regulation and set the pain management field back ten years.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Seidler'.

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