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Dear Ms. Topper,

I am writing this letter to give your agency my personal experience with the pain medicine Oxycontin.

I am a sixty year old male who was diagnosed with bone spurs of the spine and arthritis, which causes me a great deal of pain. When I take this medicine as prescribed, I get relief from my pain so I may go about my daily activities.

I am aware of the media reports about the abuses of this medicine, however, I would like to point out that the misuse of any product can cause unexpected problems.

I hope you consider patients like myself who get relief from pain when this medicine is taken as prescribed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A".

Alan Friedman