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"...My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9

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Ms. Kimberly Topper  
Food and Drug Administration, CDER,  
Advisors and Consultant Staff, HFD-21  
5600 Fishers Lane  
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Dear Ms. Topper:

I wish to submit a statement regarding the upcoming Anesthetic and Life Support Drug Advisory Committee to be held September 13-14, 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Although I am unable to come, I feel very strongly that the issue of OxyContin availability needs to be addressed by those clinicians who are most involved in pain management. I am one of very few clinicians who primarily practice gynecologic chronic pain. OxyContin has been an integral weapon in our armamentarium to maintain functionality in a small group of patients. These patients would have no other good alternative if this medication were not available to them. I feel that it is essentially impossible to prevent abuse of any prescription medication 100%. Therefore, the recent deaths from intravenous use of OxyContin should not be used as an excuse to make this medication unavailable for those patients who so desperately need it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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