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Dear Kimberly,

I have had chronic pain for 15 years. I have had numerous nerve blocks, CT's, MRI's and several operations to find the cause of my pain. I have also seen at least 20 doctors. After my last operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, the doctors told me there was nothing else they could do for me, and I would have to take pain medicine for the rest of my life. (I am now 65 yrs old).

My pain is in my right groin area. I cannot sit, walk, or do anything physical without pain. I spend most of my day lying in bed. The only things that allows me to have any life at all are my bed and my medicine. I take Oxycontin primarily. Without it I could not stand the pain. Unless you've had chronic pain, you cannot understand the debilitation this pain can cause. I don't abuse my medicines. I don't get "high" from my medications. They let me try to live a somewhat normal kind of life.

Please add my above statement to the Record. Thank you.

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* I am also a patient of Dr. Nelson Hendler at the Mensana Clinic. He is honestly a "miracle worker"