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To: Kimberly Leggett
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Research (HFD-21)
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Kimberly Leggett,

I would like you to consider the hundreds of thousands of individuals, like myself, in this country who benefit from the reduction of pain and return to a more normal life style with the proper use of such medications as Oxycontin, MS contin, Duragesic Vicodin etc.

With out medication my life is intolerable. My bed becomes a torture chamber. Without sleep I am constantly exhausted.
I cannot sit for more

than 15 min. at a time without severe pain in my neck, shoulders, arms and head. Therefore desk work, such as this letter, reading a book, enjoying a nice dinner and show, playing cards, driving any distance and even watching T.V. becomes a problem.

I have had anti inflammatory medications which killed my stomach. I have also had physical therapy, neck collars, injections into my neck, traction, magnetic therapy and wrist and finger braces. None of these have given me enough relief. Marcaine therapy, Vicodin and Oxycontin give me enough relief to return to some normal activity.

Its time to give medication decisions back to the physicians.

Individuals who take medication for a "high" or who improperly take them should be dealt with in the legal courts.

Sincerely,

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