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To Whom it may concern,

Please! do not take my life from me. I know that sounds dramatic but it is actually the truth. I am a 50 year old woman with severe scoliosis (5 curves) osteoarthritis in my spine, fibromyalgia, fatigue and severe migraine headaches. I have been suffering in pain since I've been 27 years old. I have been to G.P.'s, M.D.'s, internists, orthopedists, neurologists, urologists, psychiatrists,

psychologists, and chiropatrics. I have been given aspirins, tylenols, anti inflammatories, injections, MRI's, CAT's, x-rays, spinal blocks, injections, anti depressants, muscle relaxors, tranquilizers, biofeedback, relaxation techniques, self-hypnosis, sub-liminal tapes + C.D.'s, also physical therapies, exercise programs, and massage therapy. But still the pain has continues and had proceeded to get worse. Eventually I found a doctor who took the time to listen and care. Along with various different therapies (as mentioned above) she gave me an opoid called Tylenol #3. For several years this medicine helped me to have a fairly normal life + continue my career with out any drugy after effects.

Eventually the pain began to

worsen. It became a horrible chore just to stand and cook a meal for my husband (my children now grown and out on their own) Eventually I had to also give up my career in nursing. Soon, I couldn't clean the house myself, do the laundry or the grocery shopping. My days began and ended in bed. I had to find some help or literally shrivel up and die. I found some help. He's a doctor here in Minneapolis that deals strictly with people in pain. He prescribed a regimen of thyroid medication, mild muscle relaxants and OXYCONTIN. This doctor gave me my life back when he prescribed OXYCONTIN for my pain. I am now able to leave my bed every morning & do the little normal

things healthy people take for granted. I exercise now, I shop, I enjoy other peoples company, I can clean my house again, do my own grocery shopping and most of all be a happy, loving & caring wife to my husband with open arms and a full hot meal on the dinner table.

OXCONTIN has done this for me & my family. Please, do not take my life away from me again because that is exactly what you will do if you take OXYCONTIN off the market for people in pain, like me.

I feel no high or thrill from this medication; all I feel is pain relief and an ability to get on with what everyone else takes for granted - an active life. Thank you for reading this letter and listening to

one. I am,

Sincerely Yours,

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