

Subj: OXYCONTIN
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To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

ON 10-30-97 I FELL ON THE JOB AND INJURED MY KNEE. I'VE HAD THREE SURGERIES THAT HAVE LEFT ME IN SOME WAYS WORSE THAN BEFORE. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING THAT THE DOCTORS HAVE SUGGESTED. I'VE HAD TWO YEARS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. I'VE TRIED EVERY ANTI INFLAMMATORY WITH LOTS OF SIDE EFFECTS, INCLUDING 2 WEEKS OF SEVERE STOMACH CRAMPS ENDING WITH INTESTINAL BLEEDING. I'VE ALSO TRIED MOST OF THE PAIN KILLERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ALSO WITH SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDING KIDNEY PAIN SO BAD I COULD NOT GET OUT OF BED FOR TWO DAYS. IT SEEMS THAT EVERY THING THAT THE DOCTORS HAVE TRIED HAS EITHER NOT WORKED OR HAS SUCH BAD SIDE EFFECTS THAT I COULD NOT ENDURE. MY MOTHER IS ALSO A DOCTOR OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE AND ACCUPUNCTURE AND IS ALSO A HERBALOGIST. I HAVE TRIED AT LEAST TWENTY DIFFERENT NATURAL REMEDIES, FROM FOUR MONTHS OF THREE TIMES A DAY GLUCOSAMINE COMPLEX AT TEN DOLLARS A BOTTLE, TO MIROSTEALATE PLUS AT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS A BOTTLE. I HAVE NOT TRIED ACCUPUNCTURE FOR LEGAL REASONS, ALLTHOUGH AT SOME POINT I WILL, IT SEEMS THAT THAT IS ALL THERE IS LEFT TO TRY.

NOW FOR ABOUT THE LAST YEAR OR MORE I'VE SEEN ON THE NEWS THAT THERE IS A LOT OF BAD PUBLICTY ABOUT OXYCONTIN, A DRUG WHICH I'M NOW USING TO SOME RELIEF. WHEN THESE STORIES ABOUT THIS DRUG COME OUT, I HAVE TO HEAR FROM MY MOTHER ABOUT HOW BAD THIS IS FOR ME. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEM IS THAT OXYCONTIN IS BEING PRESCRIBED TO THE WRONG PEOPLE. DO THEY HAVE DIAGNOSED CHRONIC PAIN? I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT TO BE THE CASE. IT SEEMS THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKING IT TO GET HIGH. IT SEEMS THAT SOME DOCTORS ARE PRESCRIBING IT FOR THE MONEY. IT IS A VERY STRONG DRUG, NOT TO BE MISSUSED. I USE IT AS PERSCRIBED, AND HAVE USED IT FOR ALMOST ONE YEAR. I HAVE GOTTEN CONSISTANT RESULTS FOR THIS TIME. I DON'T HAVE TO SIT IN MY ROOM FOR WEEKS AT A TIME, ALL DEPRESSED, WANTING TO JUST DIE BECAUSE MY KNEES KILL ME WHEN I'M THE LEAST BIT ACTIVE. WHILE

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I'M STILL DEPRESSED, AT LEAST I CAN DO SOME THINGS, ONLY BECAUSE OF OXYCONTIN. I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT SOMEONE WILL DO A REPORT ON ALL THE GOOD THAT OXYCONTIN HAS DONE. I'M SURE IF THESE REPORTERS WOULD JUST GO TO A PAIN CLINIC AND ASK TO SEE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON IT AND HOW IT HAS HELPED THEM THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE THIS PROBLEM OF WANTING TO TAKE IT OFF THE MARKET. IF THEY WOULD REPORT ON THE REAL PROBLEM, DOCTORS PRESCRIBING FOR PROFFIT AND PEOPLE TAKING IT TO GET HIGH, THEN I WOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY MORE ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE TAKE AWAY THE ONLY THING THAT CAN GIVE ME SOME RELIEFE FROM THIS AWFUL PAIN THAT I ENDURE EVERY WAKING MOMENT OF EVERY DAY, AND EVEN SOMETIMES IN MY SLEEP. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE ONLY THING THAT I'VE FOUND TO HELP, I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO CONSTANT SEVERE DEPRESSION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL, PLEASE !!!

THANK YOU,

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