Please post this letter
under docket number
OIN-0256

64 Wood Acres Drive
East Amherst, New York
14051
Thursday, August 16

Dear Ms. Topper,

I have been a chronic pain sufferer for twenty years due to degenerative disc disease. Two spinal surgeries for ruptured discs has not relieved my pain.

After exhausting many medical interventions which have included physical therapy, cortisone injections, water therapy, acupuncture, my doctor, Frederick McAdams, M.D., a spine specialist, recommended medication. Three medications were tried with no success. As a last resort I was placed on OxyContin, 10 mg twice a day. Finally, I have received some pain relief and am able to function more normally. This is very important to me since I have a private behavioral counseling practice for children. In addition I present parenting lectures as well as workshops for teachers.

I am concerned that this helpful medication will be limited or unavailable to chronic pain sufferers like myself.

Please do what ever you can to provide continued access to the medications we need.

Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathleen M. Conroy, M.S.