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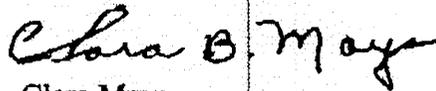
Dear Ms. Topper:

My name is Clara Mays and I will be 80 years old this month. I have suffered with continual pain for many years because of severe degenerative osteoarthritis that has caused my spine to collapse. I have also had many surgeries and other health problems. My doctor was unable to help me with my pain for a long time. I would try different medications like Darvocet and Vicodin but they didn't help. I just wanted to die.

I finally was able to get relief from my pain when my doctor gave me Oxycontin. It has changed my life. For more than 2 years now I have been able to dress myself and get around in my room and go to activities. I hate to think what my life would be like if I could no longer get Oxycontin.

Please think about all of the people like me who will suffer great pain if you take away the only medication that has ever helped.

Sincerely,


Clara Mays