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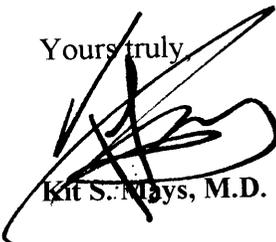
Kimberly Topper
Food and Drug Administration, CDER
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5600 Fishers Lane
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RE: Docket 01N-0256

Dear Ms. Topper:

I am the Medical Director of Mays and Schnapp Pain Clinic, a fully certified outpatient pain treatment center and have operated a pain clinic for over 25 years. I am well aware of the current controversy regarding the use of narcotic medication and in particular, the current media furor over long-acting (time-release) narcotics, specifically OxyContin. I do not feel that the medications, MS Contin or OxyContin represent any significant threat to the public well being and in fact believe that both these medications are extremely safe when used as directed and helpful additions to our armamentarium against severe intractable chronic and acute pain. Certainly, they are appropriately grouped in a schedule II classification. I feel that both of these medications are significantly less risky in the long term in their addiction potential than other available alternatives. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any further questions you may have regarding this. Best
Personal regards

Yours truly,



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