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Dear Ms. Topper,

We, American citizens, wish to state our opposition to the possible regulation and access to this proven safe and badly needed pain medication (OxyContin) for the treatment of cancerous and non-malignant chronic pain.

Chronic pain is a very serious disabling and life threatening medical disorder that has badly been untreated and undertreated because of social and government fears based not on facts but false media stigma. Unwarranted Physician intimidation by the DEA under their umbrella of the War on Drugs leaves the chronic pain patient untreated and/or undertreated with the legitimate pain patient the victim. The DEA has no business nor training in the medical needs of our citizens (namely chronic pain patients & their Physicians), and their War on Drugs should be taken out of the lives of our suffering chronic pain citizens and their treating Physicians, and 'on our streets & borders where it belongs.'

It is a waste of American tax dollars and wrong for this agency (FDA) to grant the DEA even more hideous control over this group of patients legal and life saving treatment plan under the supervision of their medically professionally trained Physicians. It is wrong to support legislation denying the rights of this group of suffering citizens the medication needed to treat their pain with whatever degree of safe, legal and effective medication science offers.

The facts in this matter have been completely ignored and the only parties benefiting from this outrageous Media frenzy are they themselves, the DEA, and drug abusers. In return wrongly punishing the millions of legitimate chronic pain patients and their treating caretakers. There are already more than ten thousand Americans who end their life each year due to unmanaged or undertreated chronic pain. These are sadly the real victims and should be supported and medically protected & treated properly, 'not the drug abusers.'

Please stop this Media frenzy within whom has promoted the abuse of this safe prescription medication, nor allow the continuation of the DEA agency to govern the treatment of chronic pain patients and how their physicians safely & properly do so.

With many thanks & kind regards,

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