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Dear Ms. Topper:

I am a 62 year old housewife and I have chronic pain and depression. I also have the disease of addiction. For the past six years I have been in recovery. Dr. Howard Heit has been my physician for the past three years. Dr. Heit's care and his prescription for oxycontin have made it possible for me to have a better quality of life with less pain.

In my case, pain management with opioid medication under a physician's care is possible and does work. Many others are suffering and have no relief from their pain.

Sincerely
Barbara Oleksia

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