



RSDSA Reflex Sympathetic
Dystrophy Syndrome
Association

July 23, 2001

To: Kimberly Topper, executive secretary

From: Jim Broatch, MSW, executive director

Subject: Testimony before the Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee

I'm the executive director of the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association of America (RSDSA), a national not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to promote greater public and professional awareness of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), and to encourage research into the cause and cure of RSDS, also known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS).

Mr. Wilson, a RSDSA board member (also a member of the executive staff of the President's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities) and myself would like to testify for 5 minutes (combined) on September 13, 2001.

Mr. Hulley will testify about his use of opiate analgesics for chronic whole body pain (both TBI & RSDS).

I will testify on behalf of individuals with RSDS/CRPS and present the committee with hundreds of personal letters from members of the RSDS and chronic pain community regarding the importance/efficacy of opiate analgesics for chronic pain based on their personal experience. .

For more information about our organization, you can visit www.rsd.org.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAUL CHARLESWORTH
PRESIDENT

ANTHONY KIRKPATRICK
M.D., Ph.D.
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

MARY BETH KENNY LUDINGTON
PUBLIC RELATIONS
SECRETARY

DONALD F. MCKEE
TREASURER

JAMES E. TAYLOR, JR., ESQ.
CHAIR

DR. JOSEPH D'ABRONZO
PUBLIC POLICY J.P.

WILSON H. HULLEY
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON
EMPLOYMENT OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
WASHINGTON, DC

CARL HELM
CHRISTINE LASALA
PETER A. MOSKOVITZ, M.D.
LINDA LANG
JUNG N. WU, PC

JAMES W. BROATCH, M.S.W.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR