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Hello -- I am a 77 year-old widow who has suffered for years with progressive Scoliosis of the spine. The incessant, unyielding pain had kept me down most of the time, feeling depressed & unable to participate much with my life. Then my dear doctor discovered OxyContin & prescribed it for me. Now I can scoot around my retirement home on my walker & go to my clubs with it in the back of my van. The pain is still there, of course, but at least I'm able to live again. The thought of losing this pain killer is devastating! Just live in my complex there is a woman crippled with Rheumatoid arthritis, who now can move around in her electric wheelchair, who was literally confined to her apartment before this wonderful drug. There's a man who has a horrible pain-back also, who is on this miracle drug.

I cannot attend the Sept. 13-14 meeting at the Univ. of MD - but please include my plea in the agenda !! & I have no computer - and I understand this will be posted under docket number 01N-0256.

Most sincerely & thank you,

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