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Please consider my plea to keep the prescription drug "Oxy-Contin", and other opiod drugs, available to those patients suffering from otherwise uncontrollable pain.

I have seen my daughter, Carla Nees, go from nearly a year of unbearable pain, and its reactions of nausea, inability to swallow, or even breathe normally, to being helped back to having her normal life again.

Dr. Howard Heit has carefully monitored her care and well-being in this pain control.

As an article on the front page of the Richmond Times Herald yesterday - 08/13/01 - headlined "Method Known to Drug Maker" states, "Perdue Pharma" did not use the chemical safeguard to reduce the misuse of the drug OxyContin, but is working to develop a drug like OxyContin which would also contain a narcotic antagonist." But their timetable of three to five years is troublesome.

I would hope for tighter control in the meantime, so my daughter may continue with this medication, which is the only one to have given her pain relief, and a return to her former quality of life.

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