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Dear Ms. Topper,

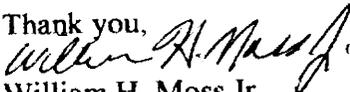
I am writing you on my own behalf to tell you my feelings about the drug Oxycontin. My lower back was severely injured in an industrial accident almost twenty-two years ago. Subsequently I endured six major back operations and many painful procedures and tests. I have had lamnectomys, spinal fusions and instrumentation. The painful and terribly reality is that none of these operations and procedures have relived the hideous pain I suffer. I have spent much of time going in and out of emergency rooms looking for pain relief or something, anything that would relieve my suffering.

Several years ago my pain management physician, Dr. Howard Heit, an Icon in the field of pain management, asked me if I would be willing to try the drug oxycontin. I have tried it and it has become the cornerstone of my pain management. My Doctor takes a holistic approach to treating His patients. Therefore I believe I am receiving the best managed care I can receive. My doses are monitored closely and I meet with my Doctor every month to access my progress and lifestyle.

My pain level has been reduced from a 7 or 8 on a pain scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the worst pain you have ever had, to a month over month level of 3 to 4. I thank God for the relief I am getting. This drug in concert with other prescribed medications and diet and exercise allow me to work a full time job as a project management consultant for large telecommunications company's.

Without the use of this drug I would probably end up on disability or back in emergency rooms.

Please take into consideration the thousands of people who need this medication to live a normal life.

Thank you,  
  
William H. Moss Jr.