

CALL & EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUEST A MEETING OR TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING DEDICATED SOLELY TO CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS:

STEP ONE: FIND

FIND YOUR STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES HERE:

<http://myreps.datamade.us> or www.contactingcongress.com

STEP TWO: CALL

Request to speak with the **health care policy staff member or scheduler**.

Inform them that you are a **member of a large advocacy group fighting for the rights of pain patients**.

Ask to set up a **face to face meeting, a telephone conference, or a telephone town hall meeting** as soon as possible.

STEP THREE: EMAIL & FOLLOW UP

ASK FOR THE **DIRECT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESSES** FOR THE MAIN SCHEDULER AND/OR HEALTH CARE POLICY STAFF MEMBERS. **BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR REQUEST AND FOLLOW UP WITH THE OFFICIAL TOWN HALL MEETING REQUEST VIA EMAIL (TEMPLATE PROVIDED BELOW)**

If you're unable to reach anyone to get an email address, you can **go to their website and fill out a meeting request form** directly through the website.

You can **copy and paste the letter below** into the website form. **BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT IT MAY EXCEED THE NUMBER OF CHARACTERS ALLOWED SO PLEASE ADJUST/EDIT THE REQUEST ACCORDINGLY.**

Also **ask if there happens to be an upcoming Meet & Greet, Town Hall Meeting, or Opioid Summit already scheduled in your State or District.**

If so, make sure to share the date and time with your family, friends, and post the information on social media to spread the word. Of course, **attend the meeting** and ask your legislator in front of your city/town about where they stand on **untreated pain crisis** and what they plan to do to **protect** the rights of chronic pain patients and doctors. **REMIND THEM THAT WE WILL VOTE ON THIS ISSUE IN NOVEMBER!**

If you have any questions please feel free to ask us for help!

EMAIL: PAINWARRIORSTEAM@GMAIL.COM

Good luck!

<<<TOWN HALL MEETING REQUEST FORM>>>

To: Senator/Representative _____

RE: TOWN HALL MEETING REQUEST

TOPIC: PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS & DOCTORS WHO PRESCRIBE OPIOID PAIN MEDICATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PAIN

Dear _____,

I respectfully request that you initiate a well publicized Town Hall Meeting regarding the above topic BEFORE voting on ANY legislation regarding the above referenced matter. Due to the high degree of divisiveness surrounding this issue, the Town Hall forum is important. A large number of pain patients have become frustrated for being completely overlooked. We deserve a forum where we can ask questions, get answers and make statements in order to provide suggestions, ideas, and common sense solutions to properly address the challenges surrounding the issue of treating addiction and abuse while continuing to safely and effectively treat patients suffering from any type of chronically painful disease or illness.

Citizens want to (and should) be heard in an open and transparent forum so all can participate in the decisions that will ultimately impact the lives of MILLIONS of legitimate pain patients and their loved ones in a grossly NEGATIVE way. Our government agencies should not restrict or limit the amount of opioid pain medication licenced physicians are allowed to prescribe to their patients as they deem fit.

There have been numerous town hall meetings, opioid summits, and public service TV campaigns on the State and Federal level to educate the public about the grim statistics of the OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC and I commend and applaud your efforts to reduce the outrageous number of deaths caused by illicit fentanyl and street drugs. However, why is the plight of millions of legitimate pain patients being overlooked and our needs being ignored?

Of course we must do everything possible to combat the nation's **OVERDOSE & ADDICTION** crisis, however, the pendulum has swung too far in the **WRONG** direction. As your constituents, we deserve and demand immediate representation and protection from our State and Federal Representatives by issuing a **Pain Patients & Physicians Protection Policy and Bill of Rights** to be incorporated and clearly stipulated in any and all current or future laws, rules, regulations, and proposed legislation impeding on the doctor-patient relationship and their ability to prescribe life saving opioid pain medications.

As requested, this meeting needs to be well publicized and well in advance of the meeting itself, so everyone who wants to participate can do so either in person, via telephone, or video conference (Skype).

Since our lives are hanging in the balance, please ensure the meeting takes place soon, and long before any more decisions are made and tax dollars spent in an attempt to solve one problem only to create another.

Thank you in advance for your **immediate** attention regarding this most URGENT matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(YOUR NAME)

(YOUR CITY AND STATE)