## **MEETING REQUEST**

## RE: THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ON PAIN PATIENTS IN THE WAKE OF THE OPIOID OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC

DEAR (NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE),

While we all agree that the OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC must be addressed, there are too many unintended consequences happening as a result of our government's attempt to combat the nation's opioid crisis.

Legitimate doctors and pain patients across our great country are being grossly affected in a NEGATIVE way leaving MILLIONS of chronically ill patients to needlessly suffer in agonizing pain, and thousands of our compassionate doctors are being forced to drastically reduce or completely discontinue prescribing opioid pain medication for their patients. Many doctors are retiring early or completely abandoning their patients without notice out of fear of prosecution against them. Our government does not belong in our doctors office and should never interfere with the sacred doctor patient relationship.

For this reason, it's imperative for us to have a seat at the table to make sure our representatives include a PAIN PATIENTS & PHYSICIANS PROTECTION POLICY & BILL OF RIGHTS to ensure that we will continue to have access to our life saving opioid pain medication without ANY restrictions or interference from government entities. I would like to share with you what is happening to so many of us in the pain community and offer some common sense solutions to help both sides of the issue by helping to treat those with addiction WITHOUT hurting pain patients & doctors in the process.

I respectfully request a meeting with you or your health care staff on one of the following dates: *(INSERT DATE AND TIME)* 

I believe that this is our one and only chance to fix this problem BEFORE passing any further proposed legislation that even remotely attempts to restrict the prescribing of ALL opioid pain medication for chronically ill patients. By including amendments to protect and stand up for the rights of millions of legitimate pain patients, you will be the instant HERO to the entire pain community! CAN WE COUNT ON YOU BE OUR HERO?

Thank you for your immediate attention to this most URGENT matter.

Respectfully,
YOUR NAME
YOUR CITY AND STATE
YOUR PHONE NUMBER