**** Attention ALL CPP'S ****

Urgent IMMEDIATE Action Needed NOW!

Fellow Warriors,

So many of us are suffering the consequences of the crackdown on opioid prescribing, and many advocates have worked feverishly since the release of the 2016 CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic pain to reverse the harmful effects on those of us in the pain community. It's taken an enormous amount of time and effort, but everything is finally falling into place.

This is a **significant milestone** for pain patients, and gives us the footing to take the necessary steps to actually garner the respect and attention we deserve.

The following **Reports & Notices** issued by various government agencies clearly acknowledge the urgency of our plight:

Human Rights Watch Report entitled "Not Allowed to Be Compassionate"

AMA Resolution 235 (Pages 24-28)

CDC Press Release

Clarification Letter from the CDC

FDA Drug Safety Notice

CDC Response to HP3 Letter

HHS Pain Management Task Force Final Report

These Reports and Notices will lay the groundwork to ensure that our Policy Makers put protections in place for both physicians and pain patients, and to ultimately implement a **National Pain Policy** that clearly defines and stipulates such protections.

We need **ALL hands on deck** to take **immediate** action in order to get this information into the hands of our State and Federal Representatives & Regulatory Agencies & we need **YOU** to take the following steps:

Instructions:

1. Who do you need to call?

Federal Level: Both of YOUR U.S. Senators & 1 U.S. Representative

<u>State Level:</u> Governor's Office (Constituent Services), State Senator & State Legislature or Assembly Representative, State Attorney General, State Medical Board, Narcotics Board, and Pharmacy Board.

You can FIND the phone numbers for each Legislator/Representative/Agency by clicking the Links listed on the next page. **Please use the handy Chart included below** to enter & save the information you gather for your records.

2. What do you need to SAY?

- **EXPLAIN** that several government agencies have issued various recommendations & reports which acknowledge the mistreatment of Pain Patients & addresses the negative consequences pain patients are being faced with.
- ASK for an active email address that's monitored daily.
- **TELL** each of them to expect an **URGENT email** from you containing the links to each Report which requires immediate action to put an end to the suffering of millions of Americans who are being negatively affected by the incomprehensible restrictions on prescribing pain medication.

3. SEND each of them an email:

Copy and paste the **FORM LETTER** below to email each of the State and Federal Representatives & Agencies you contacted. (Don't forget to add your own contact information on the bottom of your email letter.)

4. **Follow up:** A few days after sending the emails, please call to **follow up** with each of them to **confirm** that the email was received and forwarded to the correct person or department.

Ask what they plan to do to make sure a **STOP ORDER** will be implemented in your State.

Please keep us posted on your progress including any feedback you receive from your reps.

If you need assistance please ask! Email: INFO@PAINWARRIORSUNITE.COM

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO FIND & CONTACT YOUR STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IS LISTED BELOW FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Find your **FEDERAL** U.S. Representatives: https://www.contactingcongress.org/

Find Your **STATE** Representatives/Legislators: https://www.congress.gov/state-legislature-websites

Contact Your State **Governor** https://www.usa.gov/state-governor

Contact Your **State Attorney General** https://www.usa.gov/state-attorney-general

Contact Your **State Medical Board**https://www.fsmb.org/contact-a-state-medical-board/

Contact Your State **Controlled Substance/Narcotics Board**https://www.nascsa.org/nascsa/contactsState_list.php
https://www.nascsa.org/nascsa/contactsState_list.php

Contact Your **State Insurance Commissioner** https://www.naic.org/state_web_map.htm

Contact Your **State Pharmacy Board**https://nabp.pharmacy/boards-of-pharmacy/
https://www.nascsa.org/nascsa/contactsState_list.php

Contact Your **State PDMP**https://www.nascsa.org/nascsa/contactsPMP_list.php

Contact Your **State Health Department** https://healthfinder.gov/FindServices/SearchOrgType.aspx?OrgTypeID=8&show=1

Contact Your **State Medical Society** https://physiciansfoundation.org/medical-societies-and-associations/

Contact Your **State Medical Association**http://www.cms.org/partners/state-medical-associations/

Contact Your **State Pain Society** https://www.epimed.com/societies/

Please use the Chart below to gather & save your State & District's information & forward it to info@painwarriorsunite.com so we can update our database.

Official Contact: State & Federal	Phone Number:	MONITORED Email Address:	Follow Up: Name/Date/Notes
U.S. Senator #1:			
U.S. Senator #2:			
U.S. Representative: (Your Congressional District)			
State Assembly Representative: (Your Local District)			
State Senator: (Your Local District)			
Governor's Office:			
State Attorney General:			
State Medical Board:			
State Pharmacy Board:			
State Narcotics/Controlled Substances Board:			
State Medical Association:			
State Medical Society:			
Other:			

County Officials		
LOCAL ACLU BRANCH:		
Notes:		

FORM LETTER TO COPY & PASTE TO EMAIL YOUR REPS:

To: ALL State & Federal Representatives and Government Agencies

Re: Addressing the Unintended Consequences as a Result of CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

URGENT NOTICE

Dear Sir or Madam.

I have attached the links to several Reports & Notices authored by various government agencies which address and acknowledge the <u>mistreatment</u> of pain patients and the <u>misapplication</u> of the 2016 CDC Guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain by insurers, prescribers, pharmacists, federal regulators & enforcement agencies, and state governments.

The CDC Guidelines (which were only meant to serve as a "guide") are being **weaponized** by State & Federal regulators and law enforcement agencies, creating a climate of **fear** among physicians and prescribers across our country. This intrusion is causing doctors to **involuntarily curtail** their prescribing practices for long term patients who suffer from severe intractable pain & have been stable on their pain medication for years without incident. It's no surprise that these restrictive measures are **severely harming** countless pain patients who are being abruptly **force tapered, cut off, discharged, or abandoned by doctors**.

It is the duty of our government officials & policy makers to take <u>immediate</u> <u>action</u> to remedy this dire situation. In light of these revelations, we respectfully request the issuance of an <u>immediate</u> <u>emergency</u> **stop order or injunction** to follow the recommendations contained in the Reports listed below:

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Watch Video Here: Video

It would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly **pass this message along** to the appropriate **representatives**, **elected officials** and/or other **agencies** & **departments** responsible for **regulating opioid prescribing**, and please underscore the **urgency** of this information.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR NAME

YOUR CITY/STATE

YOUR EMAIL/PHONE (optional, but recommended)