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"The 2016 Guidelines were fatally flawed on facts, on science and on medical ethics. They should be immediately withdrawn with a public apology to the hundreds of thousands (if not millions) you have harmed, and to the surviving families of thousands who have committed suicide after being overwhelmed by untreated pain that you have directly caused." ~Red Lawhern, PhD

I will add too, that people like me deserve more than an apology. People who have lost children or other family members due to restrictions in prescribing that have led our loved ones to turning to the street supply in desperation after being denied safe, regulated medications, only to be poisoned by street fentanyl.

Not only was I denied pain care for 10 years after a serious C-spine injury leading to my health and quality of life being completely destroyed, then my eldest daughter was found dead in February of 2022, after being denied the prescription medication she needed. Desiree was only 35. She left behind 2 young children who will now grow up without their mother. This is generational trauma in action and a direct result of restrictive prescribing policies that were enacted due to the CDC 'opioid guidelines'.

The opioid 'guideline' and it's 'unintended consequences' have led to only MORE needless suffering and death. PROP's stated objective of 'saving lives and preventing addiction' has proven an utter FAILURE. In fact, deaths have increased since PROP's 'guideline' was released due to overdose, suicide, and also deaths due to pain related complications after legitimate patients are refused needed prescription medications.

I don't know how PROP members and you at the CDC live with yourselves with all the suffering and death you have caused; that you continue to allow to go on.

And so, again in the words of Red Lawhern, PhD, a sentiment echoed by so many others having their health and lives destroyed by the deadly fallout of the opioid guidelines:

'THEY (THE OPIOID GUIDELINES) SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN WITH A PUBLIC APOLOGY TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS (IF NOT MILLIONS) YOU HAVE HARMED" (AND KILLED).

Ultimately, this grieving mother would personally like to see members of PROP, as well as those involved at CDC responsible for these guidelines and the deadly fallout they created, tried for Crimes Against Humanity.