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How much longer will our government let their citizens living in intractable pain SUFFER ? By now you can't continue to deny that the CDC and DEA does not know the harm caused by listening to and running with the advice of Kolodny and the anti opioid groups including those who have lost people to overdose. Many of those that overdosed had more than one substance in their system. By the CDC's own admission the overdose numbers caused by Illegal drugs and not prescribed opioids were the overwhelming cause of the overdoses and overdose deaths. Pain patients are at the end of their rope, can no longer function or have any quality of life. Many have committed suicide to end their inhumane pain. Many more will if you don't take action to allow Drs to treat with out fear of imprisonment. One thing you must realize is every person is different and as such some will need more pain medication than the next to control pain. This limit to MME is not working and the few Drs we have left will not and can not give what each individual needs to control pain and function. Even some cancer patients are being denied pain medication. Not one time in the 20 + years I received pain medication was I ever high or euphoric and my pain was controlled. I get nothing now because I can't find a Dr. I have intractable pain and I need relief. I tried everything before I was even allowed to have pain medication now I have no quality of life and I don't live I just exist. Opioids do have their place. Go after the true problem. The illegal drugs and provide more resources for those that struggle with addiction. Let people in pain have what they need to live, function, and have some quality of life instead of just waiting for death to an end of pain.