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I have taken Hydrocodone for many years with no abusing them whatsoever. I have RA and Fibromyalgia, and Severe spinal stenosis. Without the pain medication I would not be able to continue working. I am about to have surgery to hopefully fix the SSS and without pain medication I can't imagine having to deal with the pain of having my body cut open. Not everyone abuses their pain meds, lumping us all in the same box is very disconcerting. I think the abuse is mostly coming from people that buy drugs off the street not people that abide by the rules, pass drug tests and have sometimes many painful afflictions. It very unfair for people that have never met any of us to say we don't need them. I can't imagine my life without them and definitely don't want to find out what it would be like without them. My quality of life would be extremely diminished.

Sincerely,
Tammy Tobias