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I live with degenerative illness and comorbidities that causes pain 24/7. I have tapered yet, afterwards the guidelines reduced MME even further. I still have pharmacies deny filling my prescriptions giving me reasons that I know to be untrue. My Primary Care Physician will not treat me unless I reduce even further and go on Suboxone. The Pain Clinic is requiring that I be seen every month now. The contract I had to sign with the clinic reads like something from the Dept. of Corrections for a prisoner being paroled, which criminalizes me, and the outcome of any violation is immediate termination. Without some relief from the pain am unable to function or perform daily household chores. The Box that People with chronic pain have been put in keeps getting smaller. Doctors are being reoriented to Policing. Compassion has been replaced by fear of prosecution from the DEA. The DEA needs to be removed from Healthcare and relegated to illegal drugs; chronic pain patients will not divert to the streets because they fear losing what little medication they do get. I am unable to effectively advocate for myself without being labeled with Opioid Use Disorder, which is attached now to everyone that has been on an opioid for over 3 months. Further, when looking for surgical relief the surgeon told me it would be very painful post-op because he will not treat with an opioid; instead was going to inject me with a super high dose of steroids. The current paradigm of treating pain appears to be operating from a phobia about addiction. The percentage of people who suffer from addiction is very low and has remained the same over decades. When the CDC cut back with their guidelines, pressed by prosecution from the DEA, the OD levels went up 800%, exactly the opposite of what intended, and that was due to people going to the streets for relief and getting meds that were contaminated with fentanyl. Consider that medical error and medication is the 3rd leading cause of death in America. Doctors need to be able to perform individualized treatment without the pressure of being prosecuted by the DEA. Healthcare appears to be motivated by finance instead of individualized treatment. Private practices have disappeared. People are suffering and dying under the current regime. Please do something to reverse this. Cutting people off from needed medications is not working. I've given a list of problems and it is not a complete list. I hope that you will consider them and work towards a solution to reduce the suffering and deaths that are being ignored.

Cordially,
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