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John H. Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have been concerned for some time about the mounting death toll related to certain addictive drugs, such as OxyContin. I am dismayed by the findings of the *Los Angeles Times* investigation that revealed that although Purdue Pharma L.P. has compiled a database of hundreds of doctors who are suspected of recklessly prescribing OxyContin, it has been unwilling to alert authorities in each state about its findings. This lack of urgency when patient lives are at stake is of utmost concern.

If Purdue Pharma is willing to sell a highly potent, highly addictive narcotic, then I believe the company has an ethical, if not a legal duty to inform authorities in each state of doctors who appear to be irresponsible in prescribing OxyContin.

Based upon these findings, I am writing to respectfully request that Purdue Pharm provide immediately to Nevada's Board of Medical Examiners the information in its database related to Nevada doctors suspected of recklessly prescribing OxyContin. I am also requesting that the criteria utilized by Purdue Pharm in determining signs of reckless/dangerous prescribing of this narcotic be sent, as well.

As I indicated earlier, as a Nevada Senator and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, I have been long interested in legislation to reduce the number of patients who become addicted to such narcotics. During the 2013 Legislative Session, I introduced legislation to help reduce reckless and unnecessary prescriptions for such addictive prescription drugs. These prescriptions not only lead to overdose deaths in many cases, but also to the need for costly rehabilitation.

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Both Purdue Pharma and Nevada policymakers have a shared interest in ensuring that narcotics, such as OxyContin, are not recklessly prescribed. Providing authorities in Nevada and other states with information contained in its database would be an important first step toward achieving our shared goal of reduced addictions, rehabilitation events, and overdose deaths from OxyContin.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nevada's Board of Medical Examiners
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Nevada's Department of Health and Human Services