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The 2016 and now 2022 guidelines are not working!!! As a 20+ year chronic pain patient, with debilitating pain conditions/illnesses, we should NOT be punished, nor should our meds dictate what others take. We are all unique in many ways. Some people, like myself am bed bound, but with my pain treatment plan, I can be a wife, mom and grandmother to 4 girls!! Our doctors DO NOT need the DEA to run the show and close doors, which only hurts hundreds and thousands of pain patients. Please lift the strict guidelines that were set in 2022, and please understand that the "crisis" is NOT FROM FDA APPROVED OPIODS, but open borders, the drug cartel, but it's NOT our doctors who are doing their job! The DEA are not doctors period.

I just want to live again and not just survive. I'm only 61 and have 20+ years to live, but I need pain management and my treatment plan to continue without any holdups at the pharmacy.

Please stop punishing pain patients, cancer patients, we deserve better!