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I have a debilitating bone disease that leaves me with bone fractures quite frequently. In my 40 years I have experienced more broken bone injuries than I can count. I used to be able to manage the pain from old and new injuries with opioids and I was able to function normally in life. When my pain was being sufficiently managed by my primary care doctor I was participating actively in my community and contributing to society. I held a job and was even physically active in sports.

Since the changes by the CDC I was removed completely from my treatments quite abruptly and there has not been a viable replacement to manage my suffering. Every day my body hurts from the damage and distortion to my bones. I have been forced to completely isolate from society, as it is too painful for me to transport myself or exert any kind of physical activity. Due to the pain I still feel daily, I am nearly bed-bound and can barely manage my daily care, let alone participate in a meaningful way to my community or the economy.

Where I was once a fully functioning citizen, I am now a burden. This was a direct result from being removed from my pain management programs. Our doctors are being forced to hurt people out of fear of losing their livelihood. And I am one of those people who have been hurt, and also lost my livelihood.

Please consider me and countless others like me who merely wish to participate meaningfully in society again.