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Please stop killing chronic pain patients by lowering their dosage due to some perceived political bullshit. Chronic pain patients are NOT the ones abusing these meds, but they're certainly the ones being punished.

Every day I read about another suicide of a person with chronic pain because they couldn't get the pain relief they needed. Heck, I've almost killed myself because a new doctor of mine arbitrarily cut all my pain med dosages in half. She claimed she was doing it to all of her patients across the board due to your faulty heavy-handed guidelines. I hadn't even found what my therapeutic dosage was yet, so I was already in constant pain. And now some new doctor took away what little relief i had. It was a living hell. I will never live through that again.

Due to your ridiculous guidelines, it took me YEARS of agony before I could get a doctor to listen to me and not just automatically assume I'm some drug addict. But your stupid guidelines have made every single pain management doctor scared to prescribe these life-changing meds from fear of retaliatory actions by your department.

I live in constant fear of having my medicines messed with by your fear mongering. The ONLY people you hurt when you limit access to these medicines are the legitimate medical patients. If someone was going to try and fake chronic pain in an effort to get meds, then they would probably have no issues buying drugs on the street. The legitimate pain patients don't have street drugs to fall back on. We have to follow all the rules or we get dropped.

So what happens when you take away the only thing that brings a modicum of relief to my unending pain? What options do you leave us with for living? To just be in constant soul-wrenching pain because you think you know better than my many specialist doctors? Or should we just kill ourselves? Because if it's a choice between suicide to stop the pain or having to live in even more constant pain because of your arbitrary bureaucratic decisions. I choose suicide.

I'm sorry my body is broken, isn'tthat enoughof a punishment? It's not something that can be fixed, but it can at least be made tolerable to live in with proper pain management. Please stop punishing us for having a chronic pain disorder.

Stop killing us! Please?