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## **Comments Received:**

Every non profit advocacy for chronic pain and general health has a plethora of what this ADMIN has done to healthcare. So now on top of the illicit mystery powder causing ODs by the hour, there is incredibly limited safe supply. This has caused a Public Health Emergency by definition. There were millions dumped into OTP expansion etc. yet all that is being done seemingly is more suboxone clinics and prescriptions even for pain. While many OTPs have reformed to faster take homes which have translated with less ODs and longer retention etc.(MOTAA-The idea of it and OTP reform pair for great methadone therapy success!) Chronic pain pts are not being treated with Gold Standard FDA cert opioid full agonist, and the 2022 CDC guidelines are better as people have passed from strokes, heart attack, etc all from cutting chronic pain pts, or other medications that will cause possible death with abrupt stopping and it diminishes Quality of life and function. I advocate for OTP expansion and pilot REAL safe supply like WA state plans.....and we have GOT to prevent a full on catastrophic event as many generations are growing up in a Prohibitionist society where even MMJ is not available in many states still. Change requires bi partisan support and true empathy, science, and reasonable non knee jerk reactions. Harm Reduction centers ought to carry Sch 2 opioids similar to OTPs or inside OTPs....so one side can get xyz for their SUD and have a pcp etc RX the other medications.....with care coordination. The way it is going is NOT sustainable, we need to go back to honoring Hippocratic oaths and respect the Dr Patient decisions, and not have MDs worrying about losing their whole life over a DEA raid vs the true Drug dealers are operating continuously taking out generations of people. We cannot operate with only 4% of pharm meds made in the US.....We can, produce semi and synthetic opioids, etc here! This also provides many jobs but bodily autonomy and informed consent has got to be respected just like how anyone has the freedom 24/7 to purchase alcohol. Using medications or illicit drugs is a disease not a moral failure. Lets work together to ensure one of the biggest fears, which is becoming unable to work due to co morbidity or ONE single event. Thank you for reading.