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I'm a 43 year old mother of two and I've been disabled since 2006. I broke my back in 1996 when I was in a cheerleading accident. I had my first spinal fusion in 2000. And it's been a domino effect ever since. The extreme guidelines preventing our doctors from prescribing properly to patients who need pain medication, is causing way more suffering than needs to happen. The overdose numbers keep skyrocketing because patients who need properly prescribed opiate pain medication get denied and then turn to the streets just so they don't have to suffer. People who lack Street knowledge are turning to the unknown sources of the illicit market. If you move to a new state good luck trying to find pain management who does anything other than want to shove needles down your spine or implant a pain pump or spinal cord stimulator. I had a malfunctioning spinal cord stimulator implanted for 9 years. Pain pumps are also known to malfunction and overdose their patients. The guidelines keep getting stricter but overdose numbers keep rising. What you have done has not worked. Too many people are suffering too many people are taking their own lives because they do not want to live in agony for the rest of their life while there is a medication that could save their life and make them have a quality of life that's worth living. Stop taking the safe medication away from us. For four years I have been either untreated or undertreated for my pain after being treated with opioid pain medication consistently for almost a decade. I was able to function and lose over 80 lb without weight loss surgery or medication. I was able to take my kids to the park. I was an avid rockhounder out hiking every weekend. Being untreated or undertreated has affected my family life my social life and my ability to join community activities. Stop practicing eugenics and give us our life back! We are not asking to be on the Olympic team we are asking to be able to do dishes or laundry or mop our floors without sacrificing 3 days being stuck in bed afterwards. These medications save our life and help us function. We are able to contribute to our family while medicated properly along with physical therapy and other treatment methods that work for us. But not everything works for everybody. Individuality needs to be remembered. Stop messing around with our medications, please give us hope again. Give our doctors the freedom to actually treat us properly the way they know we need without the three letter government entities that keep budding their head into medical Care practicing medical Care without a license. We've gone from pill Mills to passive aggressive prohibition. Stop cutting production. Stop limiting mmes. My treatment options should be between my doctor and I and in my particular case opioid pain medication is a necessity to get me functioning again for the remainder of my life. I'm only 43 I have a lot of life left to live and I don't want to suffer in agony every day of it.