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I have been on medical opioids for over 10 years. They have helped me function. My husband just died Dec. 16, 2024 from Alzheimer's. Without the opioids I would not have been able to take care of him (I was his only caregiver, until the last 10 days, when he had to be put on hospice. Now that he is gone my doctor is talking about lowering my dose of medication. I never asked for increases, never failed a drug test, always take my medication as prescribed, ect.... I just found out Jan 21, 2025 that I have cancer. I am so afraid that my pain doctor will lower my medication (like he said he wanted to do during my last visit) when I need it most, which is now. Why would he be talking about lowering my dosage, the only reason that he is being pushed by the govt (through letters) to lower my dose. I will not be able to function without my medication. Things needs to change. I am at my most vulnerable time in life (facing cancer) and my pain doctor wants to lower my dosage. How can I fight this when I am sick (most vulnerable time in my life).