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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in reference to the SB 23-144 Prescription Drugs for Chronically Ill Bill being discussed. I suffer from fibromyalgia, chronic migraines, degenerative disc disease and arthritis and have been unable to get proper pain medication to help me live a quality life due to the strict DEA regulations. I wake up every day in pain, some days not even able to get out of bed because I have no pain medication strong enough to help. I had been in Tramadol at one point but when I moved to a new state I lost it because doctors refused to prescribe it for me due to these regulations. I never know where I will be in pain. I also do not sleep well at night due to pain. I've tried Gabapentin which was a joke, I cannot take any inflammation medications because I bleed so my only other option is opioids.

I plead with you to pass this bill for my sake and so many other chronically ill people. Please don't make us suffer any longer. We, as you, want to have a quality life and in many cases just want to be able to function.

Sincerely  
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Dear Sirs,

I have been in chronic pain from my back and hip for 8 years. I have had laproscopic hip surgery and physical therapy and it doesn't seem to be helping. The only thing that gets me through the day and let's me sleep through the night has been Norco. The way my insurance works is 3 weeks of pills a month one week at a time and I have to pay the rest of the month myself. I will be trying a cortizone shot at the end of March and I am hopeful it will help with my pain. The fact of the matter is that I am in pain from the time I wake up till I go to bed and the difficulties I have had to get the pills I need for pain have been harder to deal with since January 2023 and all I want is to get a monthly supply, preferably 3 month but I know that's not going to happen, from my insurance without the weekly battle that it's been.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Jacobson