

Dear (Senator/Legislator),

The 2016 CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines have caused harm to millions of Americans. So far our cries have fallen on deaf ears. There was a recent article published going into detail about how the Guidelines have not only damaged many, but were also created under dishonest circumstances with tremendous conflicts of interest.

Based on the facts stated in the article, [Roger Chou's Undisclosed Conflicts of Interest...](#), we are asking for your help in the following ways:

1. Investigate Roger Chou, PROP, and the CDC to determine whether they violated any federal laws or policies when creating the 2016 or 2022 Opioid Prescribing Guidelines.
2. Examine or fund the examination of the harms inflicted upon patients with chronic pain as a result of the 2016 Guidelines, or from their misapplication, to determine whether these harms could be remedied through litigation.
3. Immediately rescind the 2016 CDC Guidelines, or at the very least the most harmful or misapplied portions. This would help to undo the ongoing harms of the CDC's Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for chronic pain. It would also prevent further harms from the expanded 2022 guidelines which were drafted with the same ethical conflicts as the 2016 guidelines, yet will affect even more patient populations. This should include the arbitrary MME limits and ban involuntary tapering.
4. Suspend indefinitely any plan to implement its 2022 Guidelines, which are expected to be published in the Federal Register in late 2021.

Thank you for considering my requests.

Sincerely,

(Sign your name)

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