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To the President of the United States, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governors and State Legislatures:

Concerns

- 1. The "Opioid Epidemic" is an "Illegal and Illicit Drug Abuse Crisis" falsely blamed on legal prescriptions written by physicians**
- 2. The disproportionate and discriminatory over-prosecution of black and other ethnic physicians of color by the DOJ, DEA, criminal justice system and state medical boards**
- 3. The alarming increase in the death rate of chronic pain patients, who are opioid non-abusers, through DOJ persecution of treating physicians. This has created an epidemic of suicides, especially by veterans, through physician abandonment and limiting needed medications by pharmacies**
- 4. The increase in the horrendous death rate of sickle cell anemia chronic pain patients, who are mostly African American. The denial of National Institute of Health (NIH) standard of care treatment guidelines by emergency room and hospital providers, using CDC guidelines to excuse "medical manslaughter" and "black genocide"**
- 5. The cost of human suffering and loss of quality of life of chronic pain patients, who are opioid non-abusers**
- 6. Government overreach leading to non-medical government agencies practicing medicine without a license**
- 7. Violation of Doctors' Constitutional Rights**
 - a 4th amendment through illegal search and seizure, use of warrants without just cause.**

- b 5th amendment through lack of due process.
- c 6th amendment rights of a speedy and public trial, an impartial jury, the right to be informed of the charges, the right to confront and call witnesses, and the right to an attorney.
- d 14th amendment through loss of property. A doctor's profession is his property.

8. Misuse of the forfeiture statute of the CSA

Demands

- 1. The investigation of the DOJ by the U.S. Congress for the prosecution of physicians through the illegal application of the Controlled Substance Act.**
- 2. Doctors that have been charged or convicted based on Title 21, The Controlled Substance Act, be immediately released from prison and exonerated from any federal charges, including Medicare/Medicaid fraud charges, as that is simply a door-opener.**
- 3. Doctors have their licenses and DEA certificates restored**
- 4. The CSA be amended or new law written to permanently exempt doctors from charges related to controlled substance prescriptions in words that even US Attorneys can understand.**
- 5. Remove the actual immunity from prosecutors. If they break the law to convict an innocent person, they should be prosecuted, not protected.**
- 6. Defendants should have first option of witnesses. The government should not be allowed to declare everyone a government witness and leave the defendant with no one.**
- 7. Allow doctors who have been denied DEA certification without cause a means of civil action to be remunerated for their loss of their 14th amendment rights.**

- 8. A search warrant into a doctor's office must be served with actual charges in mind, based on the criminal standard of actual sale of prescriptions for resale or abuse, not for patient treatment.**
- 9. Stop asset forfeiture prior to conviction.**
- 10. Investigate National Data Banks for publishing false allegations against medical professionals. Information should not be public until proven.**