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Hello.

I am a long time resident, business owner and Veteran advocate in North Carolina, writing in response to Attorney General Stein and Mr. Allen addressing the Opioid "crisis" on the news, seemingly seeking "common sense solutions". I am appealing to anyone who wants to genuinely effect change and be recognized for solutions, not merely more rhetoric.

With all due respect, I am beyond frustrated that precious time and coverage is used ad nauseum with zero solutions.

The fact is, in the U.S., that while politicians and Insurance Commissioners speak of the staggering numbers and expense, so as to appear to be addressing the issue, the government, the insurance companies, the VA and the FDA do not actually appear to want to fix this problem. In my experience, they have no interest in hearing logical common sense solutions, even when it costs the system NOTHING, because the money is why the crisis was allowed to perpetuate in the first place and has been continuing to grow out of control.

I have been reaching out to every conceivable administration with viable solutions that are effective and proven, but am continually ignored. The answers do not lie in more pharmaceuticals and nobody given a podium can see beyond that, or has the kahunas to stand up to the broken system with actual solutions when there's no money in it.

Also facts: Natural alternatives are highly effective and widely used in medical systems all over the world, and have been successfully for thousands of years. Some reputable hospitals and universities in this country do, but are afraid to speak out because of the FDA spot light and ramifications. Our western medical system is lacking, limited, broken and wearing blinders to superior medicine anywhere else, all in the name of the almighty dollar over the well being of our citizens, especially our Veterans. The insurance companies won't cover what works but then complain about the expense to their system. Idiocy and infuriating to tax payers who know better.

I come to you from my personal email so as not to get caught up in spam filters, but our organization has more than 13,000 members, grows every day, providing free assistance and long term support to any/all Opioid users. Partnered with one of the fastest growing health and wellness companies in the world, we bring the knowledge and experience of a 2 Billion dollar a year company, with 25 years positive growth and an A+ BBB rating; there is simply NO downside to advocating proven natural options, if genuinely trying to combat the "crisis".

I have spent years reaching out to politicians, the VA, any organization affiliated, every official that gets news coverage, and it's nothing but brick walls. The systemic issue is ALLOWED to fester out of control. Where are the elected officials who care more about the citizens of their state and truly addressing the epidemic?

Why not let North Carolina be a "pilot program state" that can show the rest of the country, we walk the walk, not just talk the talk? We offer true news...crickets! It's exasperating.

Thank you for your time.

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