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**Subject:** Re: Opioid Legislation

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I absolutely support doctors making the best decisions for their patients, including the prescription of pain medication when, in their judgement, appropriate.

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**From:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 9:45 AM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Opioid Legislation

Please advise

Best Regards,  
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**From:** Mrs. Freeland [mailto:sherryfreeland@ymail.com]  
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**To:** Lt. Governor's Office <LtGov@scstatehouse.gov>  
**Subject:** Opioid Legislation

My husband and I were in a horrendous car accident (not our fault) and I spent 5 days in Anmed Hospital in Anderson. I was horrified when I have found no physician willing to write me a prescription for much needed pain management once I had left.

I was a healthy individual before the accident on zero medications and do not drink or smoke. I have not taken a pain medication for about 35 years following an ear surgery. I have addressed at least 5 doctors and specialists since leaving the hospital regarding the severe pain and none have addressed the issue or given a mild prescription. I still live in daily pain with no relief. I feel as though the government has pushed us back to the 1700 or 1800's where pain killers were not available and care very little about the suffering of their constituents.

It appears the State of South Carolina has instilled fear into the doctors against prescribing much needed pain medication. How much easier to label us all over-prescribing physicians or drug addicts than to get to the bottom of the problem which is drug addiction. I am NOT a drug addict and I am cruelly made to suffer because of those who are.

Immoral and reckless lack of caring of the legislators towards citizens is highly disturbing. This is a sign of the end times....the lack of compassion towards our brothers and sisters and it is alive and well at the South Carolina capital as they push to prevent us from getting the care we need. Politicians may think all that is needed is limited 5 day prescriptions but I learned all too quickly, it is impossible to find a physician who will prescribe them at all because of the fear the government has pushed on them.

I resent the state preventing me from getting the care I need and will definitely be remembering who is behind it when I vote. I know Governor McMaster is pushing this heartless inhumane legislation. I am witness to the lack of adequate healthcare because of this over reach by South Carolina government into my health care. Please let me know where you stand on this issue.

Respectfully,  
Sherry Freeland