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Dear Dr. Basch: ("Connie")

I am sorry to hear that you've been singled out for investigation relating to your opioid prescribing practice. I am persuaded, based on your reputation as an ethical, competent, and caring physician, that you would never prescribe irresponsibly.

As the chair of a local non-profit, the Humboldt Health Foundation, I've seen at first hand the many applications you've made to our Angel Fund Committee to obtain funding for non narcotic pain relief appliances and treatments. It's clear that for you, opioids are a last resort, and that you would exceed a published opioid dosage guideline only when there was, in your professional opinion, no alternative.

While serving as the President of the Humboldt Del Norte Medical Society before I retired, one of my responsibilities was that of reviewing complaints about practitioners. I never had occasion to review any complaints regarding your practice.

If, as has been alleged, your prescribing practices have exceeded published mandates, I am confident that this arose only from the patient's clearly demonstrated individual requirement for relief of suffering, and then only after all other modalities of treatment had failed. I am glad to name you as a respected professional colleague.

Please share this letter, if you wish, in any way you like.

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