

May 12, 2020

Honorable Robert Drain
United States Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601-4140

Re: Purdue Pharma L.P. et al, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD)

Dear Judge Drain:

I am writing to support Harrison Cullen's request to extend the deadline to September 30, 2020 for filing of individual claims related to the above mentioned case.

My son, Patrick Stewart died in 2004 as a result of ingesting just ONE OxyContin. For the past 16 years my husband and I have been actively involved in attempting to stem the tide of the opioid crisis. Our efforts have included the filing of FDA Citizen Petition 2005-P, testifying before the Congressional Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources in 2006, attendance at FDA hearings, Anesthetic & Drug Support Advisory Committee meetings as well as testifying at the Purdue sentencing in Abingdon VA in 2007.

Most importantly, during a partial sabbatical leave from my college faculty position I told Patrick's story to hundreds if not thousands of college and high school students, faculty, staff and administration. I learned that in 2005 so many of them had already been affected by the unfolding opioid crisis. As we know, the numbers have since skyrocketed. These people, whose lives intersected with mine, and my son's, have the right to be fully informed of their claim submission rights because of harm suffered due to Purdue Pharma.

Extending the filing deadline will give them that opportunity to be fully informed and therefore help ensure the COVID-19 pandemic does not add to the burden they already carry.

Please grant the request as outlined in Harrison Cullen's letter of May 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

Barbara Van Rooyan

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