

May 13, 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: *In re Purdue Pharma L.P., et al, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD)*

Dear Judge Drain:

I am a parent advocate who has spent the last twelve years embroiled in the issues of substance use disease, recovery, relapse, harm reduction and litigation. I gave my son his first Oxycontin after a shoulder surgery and the rest is a history of addiction that no family should have to face. As a parent, I am one of the parents blessed by fate, my son is still with me. My sister's son was not so lucky, he died from an overdose thirteen years ago.

I am writing in support of the letter submitted by Harrison Cullen, filed to the docket on May 6, 2020, regarding movement of the bar date for individual victims to September 30, 2020. I concur that the Coronavirus has diverted attention away from the Purdue bankruptcy and has especially impaired Purdue's organized attempts to reach the harmed public. So far, it appears that the current volume of claims filed by the harmed public is abysmally low compared to the hundreds of thousands of families who have suffered loss of loved ones and financial devastation due to the Sackler's carefully orchestrated flooding of the market of highly addictive painkillers.

In addition to the justification covered in Mr. Cullen's letter to the court, I believe there is another aspect to the low claim responses that deserves consideration. Over the years as the Sackler's role in creating the opioid epidemic has been exposed and proven, a justifiably longstanding distrust of Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family motives has emerged. There is a general belief that if the Sackler's are behind an offer for compensation, there must be an ulterior motive. The misinformation about Oxycontin's potency, addiction potential, and overall safety is now public knowledge, including the political interference into the guilty verdicts from 2007.

Please understand that those of us who have followed the litigations for years have been disturbed, and even betrayed, by the consistent sealing of relevant documents that if made public at the time of case disposition, many innocent lives would have been saved. Recently released sealed documents and depositions has validated many of the public's perception of the Sackler's vast culpability regarding this horrific opioid epidemic.

It is our understanding the court mandated that Purdue, a.k.a. the Sackler's, fund the claim process. We want the harmed public to take advantage of the individual claims process. We believe that it is in the public's best interest that additional time is necessary both to reach the public with important clarification of the court's intent and adjust to the intense disruption of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Munger, Parent Advocate for Justice