

Dear Chancellor Martin,

As an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin, a former resident of Wisconsin AND a parent who lost his eighteen year-old daughter to one OxyContin pill in 2006, I call on you to close the UW Pain and Policy Studies Group as a result of the recent revelation that this group has been fundamentally corrupted by the ongoing influx of large sums of money from the pharmaceutical industry. This group lost its objectivity long ago when it began accepting these financial contributions from the most corrupt and powerful lobby in the U.S. The mounting death toll from these massively over-prescribed narcotics has been in part a result of the support that the pharmaceutical industry has received from the UW Pain and Policy Studies Group. This has lent a false air of credibility to an unscientific and profit-driven campaign to implement the non-selective use of these dangerous narcotics for a broad spectrum of pain.

The Pain and Policy Studies Group has been a stain on the University of Wisconsin for too long. The time has come for you to eliminate this group from the University.

Pete Jackson, Emily's Dad

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