

Dear Jane Doe,

I am sending you this letter because of your commitment to improving the lives of the people in our community. To that end, I wanted to let you know of my concern about the silent epidemic of opioid dependence that exists in this community and is likely affecting the lives of people you know.

Opioid prescription painkillers are one of the most effective ways to manage a patient's pain. However, for some people, taking opioid prescription painkillers can lead to opioid dependence, a medical condition that impacts almost 2 million Americans.

I am writing to let you know that I am certified to help patients with opioid dependence, using a treatment that can be given in the privacy of my office. This medication helps retain patients in treatment and reduces illicit opioid use by suppressing withdrawal symptoms and decreasing cravings. Combining this medication with psychosocial counseling helps patients begin to rebuild their lives.

If you know someone who is affected by opioid dependence, please refer them to me for treatment. Together, we can address this growing health concern in our community.

Thank you,

John Smith, MD

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PS: If you would like more information about opioid dependence treatment, visit [opioiddependence.com](http://opioiddependence.com).