

Letter from the Founder, Lauren Deluca:

When I Founded Chronic Illness Advocacy & Awareness Group (CIAAG) on November 6, 2017, I did not know what to expect. I was a commercial insurance agent living in Mass. I had recently been denied appropriate care for an acute pancreatic attack, and for this I suffered greatly. I still suffer at the hands of my medical team. I founded CIAAG with the hope that we could turn things around and restore rational access to life sustaining medications for those living with chronic illness and painful conditions.

We recently released a report entitled <u>Violation of a Nation</u>. Our report details shocking findings about the U.S. government's role in creating and implementing a non-consensual study on patients with disabilities, chronic illness and chronic pain.

Please share the report on social media with the hashtag #<u>ViolationofaNation</u>. The report can be found <u>here</u>.

As always, we will continue to share with you (CIAAG Members), relevant news stories and updates to inform you on our work, our strategy, our partnerships, and more.

CIAAG has (and always will), be here for our members. Truth, honesty and trust is how we will move forward to win back our rights to truly patient centered care. Not faux care and false promises from HHS and other governmental agencies, employees and contractors who are executing their duties to promote the goals of the study.

The information revealed in Violation of a Nation changes the entire scope of Advocacy in the chronic illness community.

Now we have a movement, a statement, and now we have the knowledge to make it stop.

I know you have called your Representatives before, to no avail. Now we are armed with this new information, our community finally has a voice that commands the respect we always deserved.

Now that we are aware this is in-fact a *"strategy"* and a **population-based study is taking place**, the Legislative statements of the past will no longer work. We will not accept, "We need to deal with the opioid crisis" as an excuse for denying appropriate pain care for the chronically ill, disabled and those suffering the effects of post-operative care.

We need to reply, "No, this was never about the opioid crisis. This was an involuntary human clinical trial / population study in which we, the constituents, never agreed to participate in nor were advised we were enrolled in. A disgusting abuse of power where the pursuit of research is taking precedence over public safety, health and well-being penetrating under the guise of promoting public policy and *wellness*."

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Make sure to use our hashtag: #ViolationofaNation

to help get the word out!

We have a very special Call to Action for all our Members in light of this new information.

Send a copy of CIAAG's Dossier to the following offices in your state:

- State Level Legislators: Look them up here.
- Governor's Office: Look them up here.
- Health & Human Services: Contact info here.
- Office of the Inspector General: Contact info here.
- Surgeon General: Contact info here.
- Acting Commissioner of FDA: Contact info here.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid: Contact infohere.
- Centers of Disease Control: Contact info here.
- Director of Office of Civil Rights: Contact info here.
- Director of National Institute of Health: Contact infohere.
- House of Representatives: Look them up here.
- Senators: Look them up here.
- National Governor's Association: info@nga.org
- National Attorney Generals Association: <u>feedback@naag.org</u>
- Committee on Oversight & Reform: Send them a message here.

We know you have done this before. However, now, with a singular movement, a singular message delivered by all Chronic Pain Patients, Palliative Care Physicians and other Advocates who value American rights and our freedoms to privacy, choice and consumer safety.

It will take you a couple hours to send these emails out to all the individuals listed above. Ask yourself: Is your life worth a couple hours of your time?

Remember Together We Are #CIAAGStrong!!!

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