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Dear Mr. Joranson:

This letter follows your telephone conversation with Patricia Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). As Ms. Good informed you, DEA has become concerned that the document "Prescription Pain Medications: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Health Care Professionals, and Law Enforcement Personnel" contains misstatements of law and other statements which could create confusion about the applicable law and create misleading perceptions about physician's obligations to remain within the bounds of accepted medical practice. Accordingly, DEA has removed the document from its website pending further review of the document.

Pending completion of this review, DEA can no longer support or endorse the document. Accordingly, we request that you remove the document from your website, as well. The DEA will shortly be placing a statement on its website explaining the removal of the document.

The DEA appreciates your cooperation in this regard, and we regret any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Walker".

William J. Walker  
Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Office of Diversion Control