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Senator Richard Blumenthal
90 State House Square 10th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mr. Blumenthal:

Approximately 150 American's are dying every single day as a result of opioid abuse. That is almost three times the number of lives that were taken last month during the attacks in Las Vegas. Every 19 days, America loses as many lives as were lost during the attacks on September 11, 2001. The number of lives lost is substantial and growing.

The "Marino Bill", which was passed in April of 2016, has made the task of fighting this battle impossible for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The bill took away the DEA's ability to ensure that drugs, shipped from drug companies, were not getting into the wrong hands. The power of the DEA has been weakened as a result of the Marino Bill, leaving our country and state vulnerable.

The people of Connecticut need your help to end this epidemic. I am asking you to repeal the amendments made to the Controlled Substances Act by the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2016 (S.483).

Without a change in the law, people will die. Please give your support in returning the power to the DEA.

Sincerely,
