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I support SB 607 because as a pain patient I have had almost no one to advocate for me and it is very much needed. The Oregon Pain Commission's current focus is only addiction, and many members are from addiction focused groups such as Oregon Pain Guidance, Synergy Health Consulting, and Line for Life. When the focus is addiction it leaves patients who don't have addiction out of the conversation.

Addiction is a very rare condition for most pain patients and yet it takes most of the focus. I have fibromyalgia and I haven't gotten pain medication since 2017 because of the anti-opioid swing. It has caused me to lose my function and quality of life. I can't do the things I used to do. It's hard go from getting proper medication to not getting it and watching my life and function decline. Please help the membership to return to focusing on pain patients and our concerns.