

August 15, 2026

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

**PURDUE PHARMA L.P., ET AL.,
DEBTORS**

Chapter 11

Case No – 19-23649

SUBMISSION OF VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Honorable Judge Lane,

I respectfully submit for the Court's consideration and inclusion in the official record a copy of my Victim Impact Statement prepared in connection with the sentencing proceedings arising from the criminal case against Purdue Pharma L.P.

While I understand that the sentencing hearing is a separate matter, the facts, experiences, and concerns outlined in my statement are directly relevant to the broader context and continuing impact of the issues before this Court in the above-referenced bankruptcy proceeding. My intent in providing this statement is to ensure that the lived experiences of direct victims—particularly those affected by long-term **prescribed** opioid use—are preserved as part of the record.

The opioid crisis, and the systemic conditions that enabled it, have resulted not only in past harm but in ongoing and evolving consequences. As reflected in my statement, I believe it is important that the Court remain aware of both the original injuries and the current effects of policies and resolutions that continue to shape outcomes for individuals like

myself and the multitude of future victims being created because of the decisions made in this case.

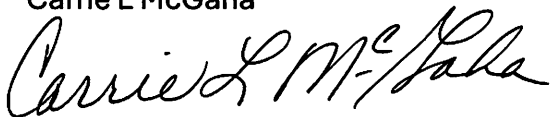
The system that has emerged because of the decisions in this case is causing ongoing harm to a distinct and vulnerable group—**legitimate pain patients**. Individuals with documented medical conditions, who have not abused their medications, are now routinely denied appropriate pain management due to fear-driven policies and liability concerns. In many cases, they are being inappropriately redirected toward medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), which are not designed to treat legitimate pain conditions, despite assertions by some “experts” to the contrary. This reflects a broader systemic failure: a circular funding structure that prioritizes financial flows and institutional interests over individualized patient care, undermining both individual liberty and the healthcare system’s duty to treat. The concentration of resources into recovery frameworks for illicit drug use, while important, does not address—and in fact obscures—the severe and ongoing harm inflicted on legitimate pain patients. As previously stated in my pleadings, no existing pain patient should be denied appropriate pain medication or abandoned by their Providers. At the same time, the number of new chronic pain patients should be reduced through proper diagnosis and treatment of underlying conditions—guided by patient-centered care, not profit-driven incentives.

I respectfully request that this submission be maintained as part of the record in this case.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie L McGaha

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carrie L McGaha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C' and 'M'.

April 12, 2026

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:

UNITED STATES

v.

PURDUE PHARMA L.P.,

Case No. 2:20-cr-01028-MCA

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

Honorable Judge Madeline Cox Arleo,

My name is **Carrie L McGaha**, and I stand before this Court as a direct victim of the system that enabled the crimes to which the defendants have now pleaded guilty—violations of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and conspiracy to violate the Federal Anti-Kickback Statute.

These are not abstract legal violations. They are the foundation of a system that altered the course of my life, my children's lives—and the lives of countless others—through deception, policy manipulation, and profit-driven decision-making that ignored human consequences.

I was prescribed opioids legally, under medical supervision, as part of what was presented to me as appropriate and accepted medical care. I did not abuse the system. I trusted it. And that trust cost me my health, my stability, and deeply impacted my family.

But I am here today not only to speak about what was done to me—I've established some of that in previous pleadings to the Court in the Purdue Pharma case.

I am here to speak about what is still being done as a result of what was done by Purdue Pharma and enabled by every agency charged with their oversight.

THE SYSTEMIC HARM

The harm caused by Purdue Pharma did not occur in isolation. It was enabled—sustained—by a broader system of governmental agencies, corporate actors, healthcare institutions, insurance industry and policy-makers who adopted and enforced the very practices that made this crisis possible.

The crimes before this Court were not just violations of law.
They were violations of **duty, trust, and truth**.

And while accountability is being addressed in part through this sentencing, the **full impact of that system has not been corrected**. The Courts and Status Quo Systems have NOT seriously considered the lived experience and lessons learned by anyone except those who dealt with victims who caused a Public Nuisance.

A NEW CLASS OF VICTIMS

As a result of these crimes—and the sweeping legal and policy responses that followed—a **new class of victims is now being created**.

These are individuals:

- With legitimate, documented pain conditions;
- Who have not abused their medications;
- Who relied on appropriate medical care;
- And who are now being **denied adequate pain treatment**.

In response to the opioid crisis, policies have shifted from over-prescription to **fear-driven under-treatment**. Physicians are pressured. Patients are stigmatized. Access is restricted—not based on individual need, but on institutional liability concerns.

The result is profound:

Patients who did nothing wrong are now:

- Left in unmanaged, debilitating pain;
- Cut off from medications that once allowed them to function;
- Treated as risks instead of human beings;
- And forced to suffer in silence.

This is not a correction of injustice.

It is the continuation of it—just in a different form.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES—REAL HARM

Opioids, when properly prescribed and monitored, **are a legitimate and necessary medical tool**. The problem was never the existence of the medication—it was the **fraudulent promotion, misrepresentation, and systemic enablement** of its misuse.

But instead of correcting those failures with precision and integrity, the response has been broad, reactionary, and harmful.

The effective result of these prosecutions and settlements—across this case and others pursued by State Attorneys General and institutional actors—has been:

- The erosion of physician discretion;
- The abandonment of legitimate pain patients;
- And the normalization of suffering for those who depend on proper medical treatment.

FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THIS CLASS OF VICTIMS

By failing to recognize and address this growing CLASS of VICTIMS, this process risks doing something deeply troubling:

It **indemnifies their mistreatment** and increases the legitimate **FEAR** of untreated pain, which directly increases the pain that patients experience by increasing the resulting

anxiety. It is causing increased Harm to law-abiding citizens by ignoring the legitimate need for adequate pain relief of legitimate pain patients.

It sends a message that:

- If you were harmed by overexposure, you are a victim;
- But if you are now harmed by denial of care, you are invisible.

That is not justice. That is an imbalance.

WHAT JUSTICE REQUIRES

Justice in this case must go beyond punishment.

It must include **recognition of the full scope of harm—past and present.**

I respectfully ask this Court to consider:

- That victims exist on both sides of this crisis;
- That those who followed the rules should not now be punished for the system's failure;
- And that any resolution that ignores this reality allows harm to continue under a different name, abatement.
- And the complete destruction of the **Public Trust** in our Healthcare System and the institutions in government meant to regulate them, for the Public Benefit.

I recognize that this hearing is to determine the sentence of Purdue Pharma for the felonies to which it has pleaded guilty. However, it must not go unacknowledged that these crimes did not occur in isolation. They were enabled by the very same governmental and corporate actors entrusted to regulate, oversee, and safeguard the public. Those who failed to prevent these violations are now positioned as the architects of the solution to the opioid crisis. Yet, in doing so, many have shifted from one form of systemic harm to another—creating policies and practices that inflict widespread suffering on legitimate pain patients. If this broader system is not recognized and corrected, it risks perpetuating a new form of

abuse—one that may prove as damaging, if not more so, than the conduct for which Purdue Pharma now stands before this Court. They are enlarging the Class of Victims that were effectively ignored in the mediation of the Purdue Pharma case.

CLOSING

Your Honor, I trusted the system—and it failed me, repeatedly.

Today, I ask this Court to impose a sentence on Purdue Pharma that reflects the full weight and seriousness of the felonies to which it has pleaded guilty. Accountability must be real, and it must be meaningful.

But justice cannot stop there.

The harm caused in this case was not created by one company alone. It was enabled, reinforced, and sustained by governmental and institutional actors who had both the authority and the responsibility to prevent it. Those same entities now stand in positions of power to shape the response to this crisis—yet many are perpetuating new forms of harm against legitimate pain patients.

If true justice is to be served, accountability must extend beyond the defendants before the Court. Those who enabled these crimes must also be held responsible for their role in the harm that followed. And just as importantly, they must be required to **reduce harm going forward**—by restoring balance, protecting legitimate patients, and ensuring that policies do not continue to inflict suffering under the guise of reform.

Do not let this moment become a partial measure of justice.

Hold the guilty accountable—fully.

Recognize the system that allowed it and hold them accountable.

And ensure that the path forward does not create new victims in the name of correcting past wrongs.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie L McGaha

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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