

Saving Patient Access to Life-Saving Compounded Medications *is* a Patient-Safety Issue.

Patient Testimonials

I use Alpha Lipoic acid (IV and orally) and Low dose Naltrexone (4.5 mg daily). This medicine controls my auto-immune disease called Dermatomyositis. It has controlled my disease since 2007 without any side effects. **These two compounded drugs have given me a quality of life not gained by other drugs that were used for five years prior to these.** Prednisone, Methotrexate, IVIG, and Remicade are just a few that were used with very harsh side effects with little or no good results in control the disease. Please don't take these away from us. - **W. Johnson (Columbus, New Mexico's 2nd District)**

I use methylcobalamin by injection on a weekly basis because pills have not been effective. I have severe allergies and drug allergies and must be careful of all drugs that I take. **Please do not discontinue access to this drug for me as it will be a detriment to my health if I cannot take it.** My health has improved significantly since taking the injections. - **K. L Gibbs (Lufkin, Texas' 1st District)**

As an employee at a clinic that uses Alpha Lipoic Acid, **this will adversely effect thousands of people who have found therapies and treatments outside of traditional medicine that have improved their health and lives.** To deny patients this possibility to improve their health is cruel and unjust. Compounding pharmacies and the ingredients they work with are incredibly important and beneficial and should be available for use. - **J. Hattrup, Riordan Clinic (Wichita, Kansas' 4th District)**

I specialize in working with patients who are very ill. They have autoimmune conditions, chronic fatigue or severe digestive disorders. Many of these patients have an inability to absorb nutrients. These patients find major improvement with nutrient IVs and injections, such as B12, glutathione, l-carnitine, alpha lipoic acid, vitamin C, and many more. **Many of my patients are also sensitive to chemicals that come in commercially produced products, and require that these nutrients be compounded without additives.** Losing the ability to provide this type of medicine to my patients would create a huge loss in their ability to heal and feel well in their lives. - **J. Mann (San Francisco, California's 12th District)**

I have an autoimmune disease which requires methylcobalamin B12 injections once a week. **I cannot get this form of B12 without a compound pharmacy and without this injection I would die.** Pharmaceutical drug companies do not supply this form of B12 and any other form of B12 is not effective with my system. To say the least, the thought of compound pharmacies not being available for me is terrifying. How can you disregard the millions of people who rely on compound pharmacies for the best possible lives and also to LIVE at all! - **S. Bruyere (Lakewood, California's 38th District)**

Approximately 1 year ago, my youngest son, who was almost 3 at that time, was first prescribed nebulized glutathione and nebulized NAC to help heal his lungs by our new Naturopathic MD. My son, at the time, was on Atrovent and Albuterol almost daily. His pulmonologist at the time assessed he's developing asthma and wanted him on Flovent long-term. Our family knew there was a better way. Since beginning Glutathione and NAC nebulizers, my son has barely used Atrovent and Albuterol and not used

Flovent at all. **It is only because of these compounded medicines that my son Samuel has healthy lungs and no asthma symptoms.** Please do not bar these natural ingredients from use in compounded medicines - **R. Choi (Marina, California's 20th District)**

I take methylcobalamin every day by injection for overall energy, better sleep, mood regulation, vitamin and mineral regulation, allergy support and aging issues. **No oral or cream methylcobalamin helped at all, only the compounded. To me it's a miracle.** - **D. Kurpoweit (Coviche, Washington's 4th District)**

Over many years I have been grateful to have the option of using compounded medications - T4,T3, bioidentical E2, E3, progesterone and methylcobalamin. **Because they are compounded at my physician's instruction, I have been able to avoid unnecessary additives (e.g. dyes, preservatives, toxic ingredients) and get them in specific dosages for me (& my cat) in a form that is not synthetic and is compatible with my body - few to no side effects.** I support the Citizens' Petition in urging the FDA to halt its attack on physician-prescribed compounded nutrients. - **S. Stewart (Westlake Village, California's 26th District)**

On a weekly basis, I use **alpha lipoic acid, methylcobalamin**, glutathione, creatine monohydrate, melatonin, tea tree oil, peppermint oil, sage oil, parsley, passion flower extract, parsley, passion flower extract to treat the range on medical conditions that I have developed over the years. **Before my doctor wrote me a prescription for several of these items above, I was hopeless and unable to manage my conditions. Years of conventional medicine and prescription drugs only worsened my conditions, while never treating the root causes and only treating the symptoms.** Every time I would go see a regulate medical doctor (NON- NATURAL doctor), they would prescribe me medications to hardcore drugs- benzodiazepines, Xanax, Ambien, Ritalin, Adderall, Zoloft, Prozac, Celexa, Lexapro and many other SSRI's-- nothing was off the table with these medical doctors. They handed out prescriptions like candy to their unknowing patients. These prescription drugs DID NOT WORK FOR ME; they interacted negatively with my body chemistry and I had a long list of nasty side effects from taking these prescription drugs. - **E. Garza (Santa Ana, California's 46th District)**

I have a debilitating neuroimmune disease and **rely on compounded medicines to treat this disease. Without them my condition will worsen and I will become unable to do even basic activities. I use Acetyl L Carnitine** and other compounded medicines on a daily basis, which are not otherwise available. - **J. McCain (Cambridge, Massachusetts' 5th District)**

I currently use a compounded medication, methylcobalamin injection, to treat my severe B-12 deficiency. **Because I have celiac disease, I am no longer able to effectively absorb B-12.** When it was determined that I also have an issue with methylation, **my doctor switched me to compounded methylcobalamin.** Previously the only injection available through my traditional pharmacy was cyanocobalamin, which is essentially toxic to someone like me with methylation issues. **Because I have access to this compounded medication, I am living a much better life.** My myriad of health problems are mostly resolved now that I am using it. I urge you to consider the small number of us who rely on these individualized prescriptions and allow compounding pharmacies to continuing serving us where the more mainstream options fail to be effective. - **T. Mumma (Oregon City, Oregon's 5th District)**