

Mourning Mom Fights To Get Drug Taken Off The Market

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A Utah mother, who lost her son to prescription drugs is taking her case to the nation's capitol. She is fighting to get the drug OxyContin taken off the market.

She believes it's too strong, too addictive and too many people are dying as a result.

It's been nearly three years since the passing of Josh Kresser and the pain of losing him has not gone away.

Sandra Kresser says, "a lot of times it's just a constant ache that never goes away because there's always someone missing, somebody not there."

Josh died of a drug overdose after fighting a long battle of addiction, an addiction that began after having back surgery. He was hurting so to help kill the pain, his doctor prescribed OxyContin.

Kresser says, "at this point we are now calling a ban on OxyContin. If the FDA doesn't, then the people on the FDA need to be replaced because they are not doing their job to protect the safety and well being of the American public."

Seeing first hand how the drug negatively affects patients, Josh's mother wants the drug taken off the market and she's helped put together an online petition to support her case. Its a list of names she will personally take it to the nation's capitol and the FDA.

Davis Moore is a licensed pharmacist and says, "a lot of physicians like to write for OxyContin because it's a very predictable medication."

Moore says in his experience, he hasn't really seen the problems but believes taking away the drug could cause huge issues for patients.

Moore says, "They couldn't be treated for their pain. They couldn't live a normal life because of the pain, which with OxyContin, they can function and get through the day."

In response, Kresser says, "That may be true to a point. But the problem is nobody knows who's going to be the one person who it's going to grab a hold of."

In 2007, overdosing on prescription drugs caused more deaths in Utah than auto accidents or illegal drugs.

Kresser will head to Washington D.C. next week.