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I am submitting my personal story in detail causes me emotional and physical symptoms and set backs to help you to help To understand the real time implications the long term usage of psychotropic medications is causing.

For personal reason, I will keep my plea in a general context.

Because I traumatized that this could happened to me at this degree of loosing my family, children, career, saving, spiritual support, and all alone having to figure this withdrawal syndrome out on my in a cognitively, sometimes altered mental state of psychosis, depersonalizations and derealization and suffering from Akathisia. Doctors said I was faking and really I was Abusing the medication that's the only way what this withdrawal syndrome to this degree could happen. This statement by medical professionals who I trusted to take care of me and to help me improve for depression, anxiety and chronic pain. Being a good patient always following Doctors orders and taking my medications "as prescribed ". Was/is beyond traumatic and devastating on so many levels it's hard to put into words without being re-traumatized. Simply, understand and having more documentation that this withdrawal syndrome and very real anatomical changes that these medications cause is validation for us who have been harmed. It will also help millions world wide to be supported in 10% or less safety protocols. That alone will trigger support systems personal and medically to be put into place to help someone suffering and recover instead of being devastated and further injured by the support system that could have been available because the "trusted authorities " said a person is faking and or abusing their medications.

It also opens the door for support of other medications that also have a Withdrawal syndrome that's not supported like SSRIs, SNRIs, Gabapentinoids. The implication of you covering this story and the positive impact it can have for so many people for years to come is amazing; if not changing a very foundation model of the way patients who are suffering from Dependence and not abusing prescribed medications.