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Dear Bill,

Thank you for the report on EN 1639. It is quite clear and I hope that further studies will be encouraged.

Last week I appeared before a New York State legislative committee investigating our methadone programs, and heard a report that methadone was safer than cigarette smoking; that euphoria and sedation did not occur; and that tolerant subjects were completely "normal".

In your report in October to the Methadone Conference, I seem to recall that you found methadone and morphine to have very similar physiological effects, including measures of euphoria. If a preprint of that report is available, I would appreciate a copy; and, would you allow a copy to be sent to the committee cited above?

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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