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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter to acknowledge Patrick Baker and his efforts to help bring awareness to Ibogaine, a non-opioid medication for addiction treatment.

Patrick has worked as an Ibogaine activist for many years (<https://cbs12.com/news/local/protestors-fight-for-plant-based-drug-to-fight-the-opioid-epidemic-drug-addiction>).

Patrick has struggled himself with opioid addiction. He has self-medicated childhood trauma and mental health issues throughout his adult life. His crusade is to share the hope of ibogaine as a treatment for the many who struggle with addiction and have their lost hope for a better life.

Patrick used ibogaine to break free from his cycle of opioid addiction. Like many, he had attempted to get clean, stay employed and support his family and friends. He has provided personal accounts of how ibogaine benefited him in his recovery from opioids and other drugs.

Patrick has also helped others; many young men and women who had fallen into the vicious cycle of drug abuse and dependence. Although not certified as an addiction professional, he has provided peer support and worked as a sober coach to encourage others to work a recovery program.

Ibogaine has been a personal journey for me both as an academic researcher and, currently as CEO and Founder of DemeRx, Inc. Our company is advancing ibogaine to human clinical trials. We are testing DMX-1002, an oral formulation of ibogaine, first isolated as a naturally occurring psychedelic product isolated from a West African shrub. We published open-label studies which showed that ibogaine has rapid and sustained efficacy in treating opioid dependence. This method of care treatment for patients has the potential to be a disease modifying treatment for people who want to end their opioid dependence.

I am grateful to Patrick and his cadre of activists and supporters who are working to engage key opinion leaders, treatment providers, politicians, patients and families to work together. The current opioid epidemic costs our society billions of dollars. Families are destroyed, infants are born to addicted mothers, the criminal justice system houses drug dependent inmates, and the list goes on and on.

Patrick sees an opportunity to advance ibogaine at the grassroots level. Much like ACTUP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power who worked to bring an end to AIDS, Patrick wants to advance a grassroots political campaign to advance ibogaine in the fight to end the current Opioid pandemic.

I am hopeful that these efforts will help us to advance ibogaine and other non-opioid medications for fast track review at the FDA. We need to do better for our patients and their families.

With best wishes.

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