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In the matter of Purdue Pharma paying \$600 million in fines and other payments for the criminal charge of misbranding their product OxyContin

In the matter of Howard R. Udell, Chief Counsel of Purdue Pharma, Michael Friedman, President, and Paul D. Goldenheim, M.D., former medical director pleading guilty in federal court to criminal charges that they misled doctors and patients regarding the abuse and addiction potential of OxyContin resulting in fines of \$34.5 million in fines

In the matter of Purdue Frederick, an affiliate of Purdue Pharma, pleading guilty to the above charges

Please be aware of the following as concerns your state and, therefore, the citizens therein that

Purdue Pharma agreed to pay \$600 million in fines to resolve the criminal charge of misbranding OxyContin and three of their top executives were charged and pleaded guilty to the charges and were fined individually as well. Unfortunately Purdue Pharma did not plead guilty to the charges but rather their shell affiliate Purdue Frederick pled guilty. In their doing so, Purdue Pharma the marketer and manufacturer of OxyContin is still able to charge the federal government hundreds of millions of dollars a year for Medicaid and Medicare patients. Purdue Frederick because of the drug charge is not permitted to collect any federal funds, and they do not reap the benefits of these millions of dollars, Purdue Pharma still does though. So a convicted criminal corporation can still fleece the federal government because they had the fortitude to set up a shell company who took the fall for them.

Please correct this miscarriage of justice in your state. Purdue Pharma has been proven in federal court in Virginia to be criminals. Please do not allow Purdue Pharma to gain financially from the federal government as white-collar drug traffickers.

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