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any  
of this  
make  
sense  
to you?**

Fact: The federal government has reported that addiction is the number one healthcare problem in America.

**So does it make sense that our country spends less on addiction treatment than any other disease?**

Fact: The federal government has reported that untreated addiction costs our country more than cancer and heart disease combined.

**So does it make sense that one cent out of every insurance dollar is spent on addiction treatment?**

Fact: When Tom McLellan, Ph.D. was with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, he stated that since alcohol and drugs exacerbate every illness, the most effective way to reduce healthcare costs in our country is by making addiction treatment available by demand.

**So does it make sense that our country spends more on jailing addicts than providing them treatment?**

Fact: The University of Pennsylvania has reported that addiction is the most effectively treated of all the chronic illnesses.

**So does it make sense that only one out of ten people suffering from addiction will receive any treatment?**

Fact: The State of California reported that for every dollar they invest in addiction treatment, the state saves \$7 dollars in other services, such as unemployment, the criminal justice system, etc.

**So does it make sense that many states in the last five years have reduced their funding for addiction treatment?**

Fact: The Advisory Panel of the FDA, a panel made up of physicians and addiction experts, voted 11 to 2 against approving Zohydro (a new hydrocodone product), as they felt it would be more of a scourge to society than Oxycontin.

**So does it make sense that in spite of this, the FDA approved Zohydro?**

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