

# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT AB 623

"The solution to combatting the abuse of common street drugs and prescription medications is anything but simple. It is a multi-agency, multi-layered, multi-communities problem that cannot be solved with any one policy or plan. Instead of turning our heads from this, we must chip away at drug abuse with the tools that we do have."

"I have seen firsthand the correlation between drug abuse and crime and the lives lost and destroyed as a result. I view these abuse deterrent formulations as a substantial step in facing opiate abuse and reducing crime and cutting law enforcement costs."

**- Brent Meyer, Sacramento police officer and the statewide vice president of PORAC**  
"Drug problem at the root of crime" - Capitol Weekly 2/12/15

"These abuse-deterrent formulations will reduce the abuse of prescription drugs, and ultimately, along with more education and other interventions, improve the health of our community."

"Prescription drug abuse affects mostly our youngest and most vulnerable, those between the ages 12 and 17. For these young children, prescription drugs are easy to find, and even easier to ingest or snort, by crushing, cutting or grinding. And since the opioids provide an almost instantaneous high, the potential for abuse of these formulations is intensified."

**- Pedram Salimpour, MD, and Rocky Delgadillo, President and CEO of the Los Angeles County Medical** "Abuse-deterrent opioids will help curb prescription drug deaths"  
- Los Angeles Daily News 3/12/15

"This technology is only part of the solution; but it is a solution nonetheless. Patients that have struggled with addiction or substance abuse in the past, those who live with others who are current or recovering addicts and those who live with teens or young adults who may seek opioids for recreational use can all benefit from ADFs."

"For the sake of those with legitimate, life-altering pain and for the safety of those prone to use these medications for non-medical use, I urge our lawmakers to stand up for policies that preserve and improve patient access to this new technology. Failing to do so would be failing to do all we can to protect our residents."

**- Barby Ingle, chairman of the board for the Power of Pain Foundation** "Tamper-proof pain drugs deserve support" - Palm Springs Desert Sun 2/28/15

"These new formulations will not eradicate prescription drug abuse in the United States. But they can go a long way in curbing access to medications that can be used for illicit purposes, and to providing humane pain management to those who truly need it. We owe that to the men and women who have served in combat and suffer from unimaginable pain caused by injuries that, in past eras, would have killed them."

**- Robert O'Neill, Vietnam-era veteran and chairman emeritus of the VetFund Foundation** "Pain relief for vets doesn't have to lead to deadly prescription drug addiction" - Sacramento Bee 12/12/14