

## Purdue Pharma House Oversight Committee Investigation Collection at a Glance

Purdue Pharma is a privately held pharmaceutical company with headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut. The Sackler family purchased Purdue in 1952. In 1996, Purdue started manufacturing and marketing the prescription opioid OxyContin, which has generated more than \$30 billion in sales revenue.

In 2007, Purdue and several of its executives pled guilty to federal criminal charges for misrepresenting OxyContin's addiction risk and in 2020, Purdue pled guilty to federal conspiracy charges for mispresenting its anti-diversion program, for facilitating the dispensing of opioids, including OxyContin, without a legitimate medical purpose, and for paying kickbacks to doctors to prescribe opioids. In 2019, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform (HOC) launched an investigation to examine the role of Purdue Pharma and members of the Sackler family in fueling the nationwide opioid epidemic.

The Purdue Pharma House Oversight Committee Investigation Collection consists of select documents produced by Purdue to the HOC as part of the HOC's investigation into Purdue and the Sackler family, as well as the transcript from the HOC hearing on December 17, 2020. The documents consist primarily of emails and sales data. Also included are reports to the Purdue Board of Directors, Compensation Committee reports, and compliance reports, as well as reports and presentations from consulting firm McKinsey & Company. The House Oversight Committee released these documents to the public in 2020 and 2021.

### Selected Background Resources

- House Committee on Oversight and Reform. (2019, Mar 21). [\[Letter to Craig Landau from Chairman Elijah E. Cummings and Member of Congress Mark DeSaulnier\]](#).

*Letter to Craig Landau, President and CEO of Purdue, on behalf of the Committee requesting documents related to the Sackler family's involvement in the sales and marketing of OxyContin.*

- House Committee on Oversight and Reform. (2020, Dec 17). [The Role of Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family in the Opioid Epidemic](#).

*Summarizes the Committee hearing to examine the role of Purdue and members of the Sackler family in the opioid epidemic. Includes the full video recording and related documents.*

- Purdue Pharma L.P. (2020, Dec 17). [Testimony of Dr. Craig Landau CEO of Purdue Pharma L.P. Before the United States House of Representative Committee on Oversight and Reform.](#)

*Written testimony of Craig Landau before the Committee hearing. Includes Landau and Purdue's background, bankruptcy proceedings, and agreement with the Department of Justice.*