

(WASHINGTON)----Congressman Allen West (FL-22) announces today his support for Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and the City Commission's plan to extend a ban on new pain management clinics.

"After meeting with Mayor Seiler this week and discussing this disturbing issue in great detail, I want to make it clear that I will utilize any and all means I have at the Congressional level to curb what has become a statewide epidemic," West said.

City commissioners imposed the moratorium a year ago with hopes of stopping the flow of narcotics to phony pain clinics, otherwise known as pill mills.

Broward County leads the nation in oxycodone sales and officials estimate seven Floridians die every day from prescription drug overdoses in large part because of pill mills.

"These kinds of pain management clinics prey on people and disguise themselves as legitimate businesses," West said. "It is my responsibility as a leader to protect the people of the district I serve. I will do this by supporting and encouraging policy that calls for the removal of these pill mills that have no place in our community."

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