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AG SLATERY RESPONDS TO OKLAHOMA SETTLEMENT WITH PURDUE PHARMA

Nashville- The settlement announcement today between the state of Oklahoma and Purdue Pharma is a favorable development. After years of denial, Purdue finally recognized its role in creating the opioid crisis.

The opioid epidemic is nationwide and deserves far reaching relief. That is why Tennessee, as a leader of a bipartisan coalition of more than 40 states, is actively pursuing a comprehensive resolution involving opioid manufacturers and distributors that would resolve claims by the states and their subdivisions. Critical discussions have been underway in the last few months.

At the same time, a recent Knox County circuit court ruling against Purdue will advance the litigation against the company for violating the state's Consumer Protection Act. The owners of Purdue, the Sackler family, are also under investigation by this office as well as other opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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