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PHYSICIANS' PETITION: "TAKE BACK MEDICINE"

Physicians can no longer allow medical care in this country to be controlled by government and insurance companies

Current reform options purport be "cure-alls" for every American. But we know that every patient is different, and just like patients, there is no single big-government solution to change health care in this country.

Instead, we need more diversity in solutions.

Therefore, I support changes that address the following issues:

1. **INDEPENDENCE:** Doctors are professionals. They answer to their patients, not the government or an insurance company or any other third party. Treatments should be decided by doctor and patient exclusively.
2. **VALUE OUR SERVICES:** Physicians have a right to be paid a market-based fee for their services, and to be paid at the time of service or within a reasonable period.
3. **DOCTORS ARE NOT INSURANCE BILLING CLERKS:** Physicians should not be forced to act as billing or collection agents for third-parties, whether private insurance or the government.
4. **REGULATIONS GET BETWEEN PHYSICIANS & PATIENTS:** Excessive regulatory burden on physicians is interfering with patient care. We must decrease regulations, not pass more.
5. **LIABILITY COSTS MUST BE REDUCED:** Costly defensive treatment and tests, and predatory litigation result in excessive liability costs for physicians and patients alike.
6. **AUTONOMY:** Neither physicians nor patients should be forced to participate in government nor private health care plans or programs.
7. **RIGHT TO CONTRACT:** Neither physicians nor patients should be prohibited from entering into mutually agreeable private contracts for services and payments.
8. **PRIVACY:** Physicians must not be forced to disclose patient records without the express consent of patients.

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