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Dear Colleague,

The medical profession has reached a crossroad in America, and it is in our power to make a huge difference on November 2nd. We have to decide whether our role is to serve the state or to serve our patients. The federal government, with ObamaCare, wants to control every aspect of what we do—reviewing our records and deciding what tests we order, what treatments we give, whom we see, and how much we can earn. Several years back I realized that most of the medical societies were not working in our best interest, but were trying to comply with government and keep it from doing too much harm. They were not questioning the role of government in health care in the first place.

But I saw that they had accomplished little and that we have moved closer to total government control of medicine. I am sure you would agree with me that we need to fight for individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, and the ability to freely practice medicine according to time honored **Oath of Hippocrates.**

AAPS Fights to Preserve Medical Freedom!

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, **AAPS**, has been fighting the good fight to preserve the practice of private medicine **since 1943**. Private medicine keeps the relationship between a patient and his doctor a private matter. When the Clinton health plan was proposed, we fought for open meetings. And when the details came to light, the plan was halted. In the current battle over health care “reform,” the AAPS opposed ObamaCare and once it passed, helped organize the Doctors Tea Parties in San Diego, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, and **New Brunswick and Teaneck, NJ**. AAPS has filed suit in the DC Federal District Court challenging the constitutionality of the ObamaCare insurance mandate. This is still ongoing.

I am a physician in private practice in Piscataway, NJ. I have been able to avoid all managed care and health insurance contracts. Thus I have found that I can do what is best for my patients without having to answer to third parties. Once ObamaCare is in place, one can only guess what intrusions will occur. As I have read much of the law, I am appalled at its scope and proposed power over our patients and us.

As the President-elect of the AAPS, I have noted the stark difference between the two candidates running for office of US House of Representative in the district in which I practice. **Anna Little**, popular Mayor of Atlantic Highlands, is running against **Frank Pallone**, the 22-year incumbent in the 6th district of NJ. Frank Pallone, member of the House health sub-committee, supported ObamaCare from the start and even proudly claimed responsibility for it. He said,

"This is not Obama's bill. This is not Pelosi's bill. This is MY bill, and I'm proud of it."

Anna attended our New Brunswick and Teaneck Doctors Tea Parties and boldly stated that she will vote to repeal ObamaCare if elected in November. She promised to restore the balance of power described in the Constitution, where the States and not the Federal Government, decide on most issues that affect their people. Freedom is best preserved when the government is most local and most accountable. That is what our forefathers believed, and I believe they were right.

So today I want to ask you to do two things:

1. Fill in the application or sign on to **aapsonline.org/join** to be the best informed physician you can be on matters of freedom in our profession.
2. Consider the two candidates for office in the NJ-6 district of the US House of Representatives. Support and vote for the candidate who best reflects your values.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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