



December 22, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The United States Senate has chosen to amass a "Health Care Bill" that, in our opinion, will quickly destroy the ability for physicians to continue the practice of medicine.

The bill that the Senate Majority Leader has locked in 60 votes to break a filibuster against the legislation will do just that. His tacit dealings with Louisiana, Vermont and Nebraska senators for votes is obviously "Washington politics business as usual." This disrespect for the citizens of our country sickens the Medical Society of New Jersey.

WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED SENATE BILL BECAUSE IT:

- Lacks Any Tort Reform
- Doesn't Permanently Fix the SGR Formula
- Will Break the Medicaid System in New Jersey (already the worst in the country)
- Lacks Transparency and Detail on the Effect on All Physician Practices

We would like to go on record of not supporting the American Medical Association's position on this issue and their obvious ineffective approach to this major piece of legislation.

We personally want all physicians of New Jersey to know that the Medical Society of New Jersey is appalled at our representation by the AMA and are not supportive of their leadership.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph H. Reichman, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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