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Greetings!

January 6, 2015

I originally learned about the Benjamin Rush Institute as a first-year medical student at Georgetown University, only to realize that we did not have a BRI Chapter there. With help from George Washington University Chapter Leaders and guidance from Beth Haynes, I was able to get a Chapter up and running by the end of 2013.

But, before I get into the great events we had, I'd like to first tell you about how my involvement with BRI helped propel me into a Graduate Fellowship in Health Policy Research for **The Heritage Foundation**. While at Heritage, I published a white paper on **Direct Primary Care**, which has since been influential in passing state legislation spearheaded by members of **Docs4PatientCare** and **State Sen. Patrick Colbeck** in none other than my home state of Michigan. SB1033 was written to ensure that the direct pay model, described as a "medical retainer agreement," would not be classified as insurance in Michigan. Obtaining this recognition is crucial for direct pay practices to avoid regulations that would be inappropriate and burdensome. On December 31, 2014 SB1033 went to Governor Rick Snyder's desk.

Back at Georgetown in fall 2014 with the help of my fellow BRI Chapter leaders Tim Ford (M2) and John Grimsley (M1), our Chapter has been fortunate to host several events. We had a Journal Club-style discussion of an article by Dr. Robert Graboyes of the Mercatus Institute at George Mason University. In a presentation that followed, Dr. Graboyes discussed the role of innovation in changing the current state of healthcare. He also touched on how overbearing regulation is inhibitory to technological

advancements.

We screened the LA County Hospital documentary **Code Black** for our second event. The screening successfully brought in BRI members, as well as students interested in trauma surgery and/or emergency medicine. We were even joined by some employees of the Georgetown University Hospital. This event provided some much-needed exposure of BRI to individuals who may not otherwise be aware of our organization, or our goals.

My favorite event last semester was our visit with U.S. Rep. Tom Price, MD (GA-8). Dr. Price is an orthopedic surgeon-turned-Congressman who welcomed BRI students into his office for a casual conversation about the current state of healthcare. He also answered questions about approaches Congress is taking today to address healthcare problems.

With your support, we are making an impact on preserving medical freedom, the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship, and patient choice.

Thank you for your partnership.



Danny McCorry

President, BRI Chapter @ Georgetown University

Dr. Haynes Speaking Tour in Kentucky and Ohio



Our energetic Student Leaders in Ohio and Kentucky have set up Dr. Haynes's January speaking tour. If you know students or members of these communities who would be interested in hearing Dr. Haynes speak about the morality of free market medicine - and perhaps debate a person or two - mark these dates in your calendar. We'll update the information on the **BRI Calendar** as it gets closer.

- Monday, January 26th @ noon - University of Louisville
- Tuesday, January 27th @ noon - University of Cincinnati
- Tuesday, January 27th @ early evening - Ohio University
- Wednesday, January 28th @ noon - Ohio State University
- Thursday, January 29th @ noon - University of Toledo

We hope to see you there!

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*Thank
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Thanks to people's enormous generosity and sharing about BRI, total donations - including matching gifts - came to \$4610. That will pay for at least five BRI Student Leaders to attend our annual Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this March, or pay for 20 lunch lectures! Thank you for making it all possible.

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