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Greetings!

Right as we entered the holiday season of gratitude and goodwill, I received jarring a reminder of just how precious and vulnerable the freedoms are that BRI works to protect.

Medical schools are not bastions of freedom, as this exchange demonstrates.

A clinical professor of medicine contacted me last week to express his admiration of the **BRI promotional videos**. But he related a story that struck me hard, and I want to share it with you:

"I recently gave a forum on private practice to first year medical students at [a north eastern university]. An older student with considerable work experience and a successful career prior to medical school approached me. He said that he and a classmate raised questions about 'single payer medical financing' with one of their public health teachers. She complained to the school administration and word came down that students are not to criticize single payer. He is afraid to start a Benjamin Rush Chapter."

Additionally, over the past two years, I have had lengthy conversations with several medical school faculty who fear that speaking out against the ACA will jeopardize their contracts, their chances at tenure, and even their research funding.

This is obviously very disconcerting, and highlights the barriers we face to honest, open

discussion. Freedom doesn't occur in pockets - free here, but not so free there. As these encounters illustrate, when economic freedom is infringed, our freedom of speech is also at risk.

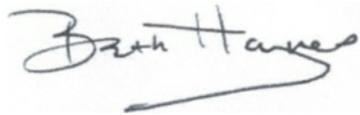
Your dollars *are* having an impact; yet, there is still so much more work to be done.

Thank you for continuing to stand for BRI, healthcare freedom and medical excellence. Please consider one more end-of-year gift to us. Some call it "Giving Tuesday."

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In partnership,



Beth Haynes, MD

Executive Director

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