



Winter is hitting much of the United States hard this week, with our Texas office colder than our office in Washington, DC! With our first- and second-year medical students still mostly attending classes virtually, the weather isn't impacting studies and we continue to host virtual events in chapters nationwide – snow, ice nor a global pandemic cannot slow down the efforts of our student leaders!

Already a month into the new Administration and we are seeing why it is more important than ever that medical students understand how over-regulation and government intrusion will impact how they practice medicine. The Biden administration has already issued an unprecedented number of executive orders, including an executive order directing relevant agencies to review a variety of health care actions taken under the former administration.

Meanwhile, Congress is developing another COVID-19 relief package that includes a variety of non-COVID-related health care initiatives, including expanding the size and scope of Obamacare.

**Allowing the federal government to run healthcare diminishes the importance of the doctor-patient relationship.** We *must* continue to educate medical students on alternatives to an overreaching federal government. That is the mission of the Benjamin Rush Institute.

**It is more important now than ever that you support BRI's efforts.** Our current chapters are thinking of creative ways to generate interest in events in the virtual environment, and BRI funds those efforts. We are continuing our extremely popular Virtual Events Series, started in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. And we continue to grow! We have recently added three chapters and have almost a dozen schools ready to become part of the BRI family. But we need *your* help to continue. [Support BRI today.](#)

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**BRI's VIRTUAL EVENTS SERIES IN FEBRUARY**  
**Licensing Reforms in Healthcare with Edward Timmons, Ph.D.**

**Register early for events – attendance is capped at 100 participants.** Edward Timmons, Ph.D. joins BRI to talk about how reforms in occupational licensing can and will impact healthcare on **Thursday, February 25 at 1pm ET**. Register [here](#).

Regulation (CSOR) at Saint Francis University. He completed his Ph.D in Economics at Lehigh University. He enjoys teaching economics to students with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. His research has been published in The Journal of Law and Economics, the Journal of Regulatory Economics, the Journal of Labor Research, the British Journal of Industrial Relations, Health Policy, Monthly Labor Review, and Nicotine and Tobacco Research. His research has been heavily cited by the popular press, by the Federal Trade Commission, the Obama White House, and also in a Senate hearing entitled "License to Compete: Occupational Licensing and the State Action Doctrine." He has authored numerous articles in the popular press. In May of 2014, he worked as a visiting research fellow at the Collegio Carlo Alberto in Moncalieri, Italy.



He is a Senior Affiliated Scholar at the Mercatus Center, a Senior Research Fellow at the Archbridge Institute, a member of the Board of Policy Advisors of the Heartland Institute, and a former visiting fellow with the Badger Institute. Seats are limited so register [NOW](#).

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## PAST EVENTS

Have you missed any of our past online events? BRI's Virtual Event Series can be found on our website - [Events List](#). You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel and have access to a history of our videos, and be notified when we add new ones – [BRI YouTube Channel](#).

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## NEWS YOU NEED

A recent edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) ran an opinion article advocating for the *censoring* of healthcare messaging by physicians. Dave Rubin of The Rubin Report [recently spoke](#) to Dr. Drew, Viva Frei, and Zubin Damania (ZDoggMD) about the censorship they have experienced just by having honest medical and legal conversations on their own social media platforms. While they may have the 1st amendment protections of freedom of speech, they aren't safe from social media censorship. And the AMA is in on it, too.

BRI Alumni and Resident leader, Dr. Aamir Hussein, [spoke with](#) our partners at Healthcare Americana about his experience fighting Covid-19 on the frontlines in NYC as a Resident.

The ACA Exchange is open again. And many will look favorably at the billions in subsidies for premiums being given by the new Administration. But taxpayers are going to be left paying the price. Read more about the ObamaCare Exchange problem [HERE](#).

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***YOU can help support the future of healthcare by supporting Benjamin Rush Institute.*** Our mission is to educate medical students on free enterprise solutions that will help maintain the doctor-patient relationship. The new Administration threatens to add regulations to an already over-regulated healthcare industry, further limiting how doctors practice medicine. The future of medicine – our medical students – must be educated on

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