



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: _____

Committee Name: _____

State / District: _____

Campaign Address: _____

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This document is required from all non-incumbent, federal candidates for consideration of support by AOIA-OPAC and may be used for future voter education purposes.

Campaign Information

Staff Contact/Title _____
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Fundraiser _____
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Party Affiliation _____

Have you conducted polling in your district? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

If no, when do you plan to? _____

Does OPAC have your permission to call and discuss your poll results with your pollster?
(Please initial) Yes _____ No _____

Candidate Information

Are you a physician? Yes No

Current employment _____

Name of business (if applicable) _____

Business address _____

Associations Memberships _____

Have you ever been elected or appointed to public office? Yes No

If yes, years of service and office(s) _____

If no, have you ever run for an elected office? Yes No

Election year and office(s) _____

If you are elected to Congress, list the top three priority issues for your first term and why:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

What is the top issue physician's face in your state?

If elected, on which committees would you most like to serve?

1. _____
2. _____

List two reasons osteopathic physicians should support your campaign:

1. _____
2. _____

List names and/or practices (if known) of osteopathic physicians supporting your campaign:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Physician Payment Reform: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)

1. Replacing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) under Medicare? FAVOR OPPOSE
2. Establishing a Medicare physician payment formula that would provide physicians with annual increases in reimbursements based upon increases in practice costs? FAVOR OPPOSE
3. Establishing improvements and refinements in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule that promote equitable payments for primary and specialty care physicians? FAVOR OPPOSE
4. Implementing care coordination models in the Medicare and Medicaid programs such as the patient-centered medical home that would provide a care coordination fee for comprehensive, continuous care provided by a physician-directed team? FAVOR OPPOSE
5. Establishing an independent commission of appointed official to develop binding recommendations on Medicare physician payment policies currently determined by Congress? FAVOR OPPOSE
6. Making permanent provisions that eliminate the geographic discrepancies in Medicare payments between rural and urban providers? FAVOR OPPOSE
7. Establishing a mandate or punitive policies requiring physicians participating in the Medicare program to report quality data? FAVOR OPPOSE
8. Establishing a mandatory pay-for-performance program for all physicians participating in the Medicare program? FAVOR OPPOSE
9. Eliminating current funding "silos" that prohibit cross-financing in the Medicare program? For example, FAVOR OPPOSE

restricting Medicare Part A money to hospitals?

10. Giving physicians serving in the Uniformed Services the same retirement benefits as physicians in other federal agencies? FAVOR OPPOSE

Graduate Medical Education: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

11. Eliminating the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) resident “cap” on funded residency positions established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997? FAVOR OPPOSE
12. Allowing hospitals to utilize ambulatory teaching sites in graduate medical education programs? FAVOR OPPOSE
13. Promoting the establishment of new osteopathic residency programs in growing population centers and rural areas? FAVOR OPPOSE
14. Supporting reauthorization of, and appropriate funding for, the Children’s Graduate Medical Education (CGME) program? FAVOR OPPOSE

The Health Care Delivery System and Patient Safety: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

15. Supporting reauthorization of, and appropriate funding for, the Trauma Care program and the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program? FAVOR OPPOSE

Legal Reform: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

16. A federal law that would limit non-economic damages in medical liability cases? FAVOR OPPOSE
17. A federal law that would reform joint and several liability in medical liability cases? FAVOR OPPOSE
18. Tort reform legislation to decrease the number of frivolous lawsuits against physicians? FAVOR OPPOSE
19. Legislation to fund or provide incentives for states to test alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in medical liability cases? FAVOR OPPOSE

Physicians’ Ability to Care for Patients: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

20. Legislation permitting physicians to negotiate jointly the terms and conditions of contracts with third party payers? FAVOR OPPOSE

- 21. Efforts to expand the scope-of-practice for non-physician providers? FAVOR OPPOSE
- 22. Legislation allowing patients to contract privately with physicians for services not covered by Medicare, while providing safeguards against potential abuses. FAVOR OPPOSE
- 23. Promoting legislation ensuring the accountability of health plans and third party payers to patients and physicians? FAVOR OPPOSE

Tax Issues: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

- 24. Establishment of tax credits for physicians who establish practices in health profession shortage areas (HPSA)? FAVOR OPPOSE
- 25. Allowing for full deduction of interest paid on student loans? FAVOR OPPOSE
- 26. Eliminating the income threshold and other limitations for deductibility of student loan interest payments? FAVOR OPPOSE
- 27. Enacting legislation that increases the availability and affordability of private health insurance for all Americans? FAVOR OPPOSE

Health Information Technology: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

- 28. Mandating the implementation of Health Information Technology (HIT)? FAVOR OPPOSE
- 29. Providing physicians with financial incentives/assistance for the implementation of electronic health records and electronic prescribing technologies? FAVOR OPPOSE

Comments on your interest and support of osteopathic physicians:

please feel free to attach additional pages
