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## **Physicians on Health Reform: The Prognosis is Not Good**

*Members of Congress face Doctors Eye to Eye*

- Who: Docs4PatientCare – Group of 3000 plus practicing physicians  
What: Practicing Physicians confronted some and celebrated other Members on the Hill  
Where: Offices of Members of Congress, Washington, DC  
When: Throughout the day March 25, 2010  
Why: The Doctors warn Congress – We will be ignored no more and we will now tell our patients how you have damaged patient care.

The message was clear. Doctors not be silent and will not remain apolitical any longer.

From nothing, in just 9 months, over 3,000 doctors organized into Docs4PatientCare out of frustration and fear of the impact the proposed health reforms without physician input. Fears were realized with the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Congress was told – Imagine 3,000 doctors seeing just 10 patients a day. Imagine the most trusted voice in most American's life explaining the damage their Representative has done to patient care. Imagine the impact of their Doctor celebrating a Member of Congress who heroically stood against it.

We see at least 600,000 patients a month. We have more than doubled in size every month.

Letters in hand, practicing Physicians from across America walked the halls of Congress on Thursday, March 25, 2010 to challenge members of Congress with the consequences of enacting H.R.3590 – now Public Law 111-148.

Organization President Hal Scherz, M.D. lead dozens of physicians in the *white lab coats* they've earned through years of patient care to visit their respective representatives. Members were challenged with the business realities of running a practice under the thumb of an expansive government bureaucracy. The doctors explained the damage the radical reforms will do to the delivery of patient care for both rich and poor.

These visits to the Hill were the culmination of the public introduction of the Docs4PatientCare organization at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Mar 24. Dozens of physician leaders from around the country met with the press, heard from Members of Congress & legal experts, and attended workshops investigating the voluminous and frightening little known details of HR 3590.

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