

**LATE RESOLUTION 76-15**

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3 Title: Discouraging Political Activity in Physician Offices  
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9 Referred to: Committee on Rules and Order of Business/Reference Committee C  
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11 House Action: **DISAPPROVED**  
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14       Whereas, physicians have as much right to express their political beliefs as  
15 people in any other profession, and

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17       Whereas, we recognize that the role of the physician in society is different from  
18 many other professional roles, and

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20       Whereas, physicians minister to people from all walks of life and of all political  
21 persuasions, and

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23       Whereas, physicians and patients must develop a relationship of trust over  
24 time if medical advice is going to be effective, and

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26       Whereas, political differences have the potential to act as a wedge in the trust  
27 relationship between physicians and their patients; therefore be it

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29       **RESOLVED:** That MSMS shall not encourage members to endorse judicial  
30 candidates to patients in their offices; and be it further

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32       **RESOLVED:** That MSMS discourages political activity such as fliers, posters  
33 and the initiation of political discussions in professional medical offices; however,  
34 encourages physicians to be politically active in their private lives, including candidacy  
35 for public office.  
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38 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None