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Physicians for a National Health Program
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Dear Physicians for a National Health Program,

We, a devoted group of [DESCRIPTION: PHYSICIANS, STUDENTS, ADVOCATES, ETC.] seek to start a [student, IF STUDENT] chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program here in/at [GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR SCHOOL] called [NAME OF CHAPTER]. We would like access to the resources of PNHP to advocate for a single-payer health care system as outlined by the Physicians Proposal’s four principles for reform:

1. Access to comprehensive health care is a human right. It is the responsibility of society, through its government, to assure this right. Coverage should not be tied to employment. Private insurance firms’ past record disqualifies them from a central role in managing health care.
2. The right to choose and change one’s physician is fundamental to patient autonomy. Patients should be free to seek care from any licensed health care professional.
3. Pursuit of corporate profit and personal fortune have no place in caregiving and they create enormous waste. The U.S. already spends enough to provide comprehensive health care to all Americans with no increase in total costs. However, the vast health care resources now squandered on bureaucracy (mostly due to efforts to divert costs to other payers or onto patients themselves), profits, marketing, and useless or even harmful medical interventions must be shifted to needed care.
4. In a democracy, the public should set overall health policies. Personal medical decisions must be made by patients with their caregivers, not by corporate or government bureaucrats.

Sincerely,

First Name Last Name E-mail

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Five names of active PNHP members are required, at least three of whom are physicians.