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TEXAS MEDICAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE 1905 NORTH LAMAR BLVD AUSTIN TEXAS 78705 AREA CODE 512 478-1650

Dear Member:

I am writing to let you know why the TEXPAC Board of Directors has voted to increase the dues for 1974. This action was taken after hearing a comprehensive report on what lies ahead, legislatively, for private medicine.

Specifically, the report revealed that anti-medicine forces will continue their efforts to establish lay-controlled HMO's, enact certificate of need laws, permit pharmacists to substitute prescription drugs, and to expand chiropractic services under state public assistance programs. In January, the entire Texas Legislature, sitting as the Constitutional Convention, will be under pressure to remove the current prohibitions against chiropractors and other unqualified health workers from diagnosing and treating medical conditions. At the Congressional level, national insurance is on the front burner, and we are faced with a protracted and bitter struggle over the need, scope, and funding of this type of program.

We have never believed that TEXPAC has had adequate funds. But at our fall meeting it was obvious that our usual membership income clearly would not meet the demands of 1974. Our political friends need our continued assistance, and it is imperative that we become more aggressive in our efforts to un-seat historical opponents of medicine.

With this background, our Board determined that the basic 1974 TEXPAC dues must be increased from \$30 to \$45 so that TEXPAC can remain an effective political spokesman for Texas physicians.

Obviously we cannot be successful unless each 1973 member continues his support, and also encourages his colleagues to participate in the medical-political action program.

1974 will be a challenging year. Your support is needed, and will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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