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RE: *Montano v. Frezza*

I'm an ophthalmologist who relocated to Hobbs, NM one year ago to serve the local population. I've active medical licenses in CA, TX, TN, AR and NM. I personally donated \$6625.00 to the National Democratic Party as an individual in 2014.

There is a dire need for healthcare providers in Southeast New Mexico. Last week a colleague (Cornelia DeReise, MD - OB/GYN doctor who I came to know over years when we were faculty at Texas Tech's School of Medicine) brought a concern to my attention. Dr. DeReise spent two weeks in Hobbs providing services to the local population last month as a Locum Tenens physician because of lack of medical providers in this community.

Today, John Kernan, MD approached the medical staff at the Lea Regional Medical Center with the same concern. Dr. Kernan's father provided care to the local community and his wife serves as a NM state senator.

If the judicial system of New Mexico compels a Texas physician who provided care to a New Mexico patient simply because the patient's symptoms manifested in the State of New Mexico, in the future no state will provide care to any resident of New Mexico in the event the state cannot provide appropriate care.

My community relies on being able to refer patient to Texas physicians for tertiary care in Texas. In Southwest New Mexico, patients are also referred to Texas physicians for tertiary care.

The sentiment in my medical community is that if the State of New Mexico continues with this case, the population of New Mexico (regions already 'underserved') will not be able to receive tertiary care or local care. I will not continue to practice in an underserved area if I cannot refer patients to physicians across the state line for care that we do not have resources to provide.

It's my hope to settle in Southeast New Mexico and provide care to our population. I will relocate if the New Mexico judicial system continues down this path. Physicians from other states, such as my colleague, Dr. DeReise, will not come to the state to help when needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Good', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

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