

The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor  
The State of Florida  
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Dear Jeb:

As promised, here is a Senate proposal that we will attempt to pass. I hope you take the time to review it - objectively - and write your questions and comments so that we can discuss it. I am not purporting that the issues contained in this proposed bill would be endorsed by the Florida House - though we certainly tried to consider their ideas and constructive criticism when we created it. I am suggesting that it is a good bill that addresses the issues necessary to provide:

- More access to health care for Florida citizens;
- Greater protection for Florida's doctors;
- Enhanced protection for emergency room and trauma center physicians and the facilities in which they practice;
- More certainty and predictability for companies that write medical malpractice insurance;
- An end to what is left of frivolous lawsuits;
- A much more efficient and fair expert witness pool for malpractice trials;
- Enhanced abilities for physicians and hospitals to self-police and discipline their professionals and greater potential for governmental regulatory agencies to mete out expulsions, suspensions, and the requirement for additional professional education; and,
- A periodic predictable time frame by which practicing physicians are given necessary information regarding new methods of diagnosis and problem areas in malpractice.

While I am not sure the perfect solutions exist, we will continue to work hard to solve the problems and get us all the hell back home. I hope you see the logic in the proposal.

Sincerely,  
James E. "Jim" King, Jr., President  
The Florida Senate