

## TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 317

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We write in support of House Bill 317—legislation that would authorize a personal income tax deduction for licensed physicians that provide uncompensated medical services through or on behalf of a hospital, free clinic, or medical mission organization (i.e., a nonprofit nongovernmental organization whose activities consist of organizing and supporting medical professionals and providing medical care to persons in distress or victims of armed conflict or natural or man-made disasters).

The Foundation for Government Accountability exists to strengthen communities and improve the lives of individuals and families by equipping policymakers with principled strategies to replace failed health and welfare programs nationwide.

When a state can implement measures that incentivize "charity care" in support of medical professionals, everyone wins.

Provisions like this allows physicians to serve those who have limited or no access to quality medical care. States needs this legislation to improve the medical community's ability to serve the needy.

The Foundation for Government Accountability is pleased to offer our support for this legislation.