

From: Dr. Fred Barnes
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Dear Dr.Don,

I'm about half way through Squandering Billions and I'm jumping for joy to see us stand up and tell it like it is. It seems as though a complacency, maybe a sort of satisfaction had set in to our profession over the past few years and it's so good to see that fighting spirit coming back.

It's again like it was back in the 50s when I graduated from CMCC. At that time the Ontario Chiropractic Association's conventions were fully attended. An active, strong chiropractic approach to government and Ontario politics in general was taken and resulting in such things as our inclusion in OHIP and new and very good chiropractic legislation to name a couple of our accomplishments. I was proud to be a part of this movement, serving on the OCA executive then later on what is now the Chiropractic College of Ontario, our licensing board, as chairman in my final years there.

However this is not an attempt to aggrandize what my peers and I did at that time. Rather it is to offer my heart felt congratulations to you for reviving this spirit and for hopefully lighting a fire under the profession to stand up for what should rightfully be ours and more importantly for our patients.

We've rested on our oars too long. Let's move forward and put chiropractic in it's proper place in the healing arts and the health field in general. It bothers me no end to see and hear of some of my acquaintances hobbling off to their MD with their bad backs etc because it's "free" .Of course we very often get these medical refugees back and get them better in spite of the time delays and the mismanagement they've been through.

Let's get them in first, on a level playing field with no financial obstacles in their way.

God Bless and keep up the great work,
Dr. Fred Barnes