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To: Members of progressive health professions organizations

From: Paul Lowinger and Larry Brilliant

Subject: "Anti-textbook" of the health professions

As you may know, Pantheon Books (division of Random House) is publishing a series of books containing dissenting essays in the various academic disciplines. Advertised widely as a new collection of "anti-textbooks" the series is getting wide attention in the popular press. The first volume of the series The Dissenting Academy was well received by the New York Review of Books and was featured on the front page of the New York Times Book Review.

We are very pleased to have been selected to edit the "anti-textbook" for the health professions. As we are firmly committed to wide distribution of radically new ideas in health care management, we want this book to be relevant to all of us in the growing movement, and to be a proselytizing sourcebook for others.

We are therefore actively soliciting ideas for appropriate essays/authors/topics to be included in the book. Many insightful progressive authors and their works are already familiar, but many more remain unknown to us. This work should reflect not just our ideas as editors, but as large a spectrum of dissenting ideas about the health professions as possible.

A general idea of format and approach can be gotten from looking at one of the "anti-textbooks" already published. Please let us hear from you. This is a valuable opportunity to get wide distribution for our ideas.

Peace,

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