

**INDEPENDENCE HALL**  **TEA PARTY**  
ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Tea Partiers and Friends,

Since establishing the **Independence Hall Tea Party Association**, we have garnered much publicity for the movement. Our members have been featured on several radio and TV shows, including: **Fox TV, The Neil Cavuto Show; WOR (New York), The John Gambling Show; CBS 3, "Newsmakers" with Pat Ciarrachi; New Jersey 101.5; and multiple times on WPHT, The Dom Giordano Show.**

Two weeks ago, one member spoke with **Rush Limbaugh** and mentioned our **Association's role in initiating and organizing** the extremely successful **Specter/Sebelius Town Hall Protest** which focused **national media attention on opponents of Obamacare.**

Shrills like **Nancy Pelosi and the DNC** claimed that the **protestors were paid and organized by Insurance Companies, the RNC**, and other national national groups. They just couldn't believe that a **grassroots organization, like our Association**, could stage such successful protest rally at a town hall.

**Congratulations to all of you!**

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**Nationwide Congressional Recess Rally, Saturday, August 22**

After **Association member Phil Shieber** alerted us to **PennAction's pro-ObamaCare Rally** at the office of **Congressman Pat Murphy** in **Doylestown, PA**, we called on **you** to counter it.

**And over 150 of you responded!** On Saturday, **our Association** was joined by the **Thomas Jefferson Club** and **Tea Change** in a counter rally that was covered by **the Intelligencer, Channel 69**, and other media. This was **one of three rallies** we either organized and/or promoted as part of the **Congressional Recess Rally.**

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In **Toms River, New Jersey**, we joined members of the **Manahawkin Tea Party** in a rally at **Congressman John Adler's office.** Over 70 New Jerseyans took part. **Adler remains uncommitted on ObamaCare.**

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In **Jenkintown, PA** over **30 members** held a **“Where’s Allyson? Rally”** at the office of **Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz**. Up to now, Schwartz has refused to conduct a town hall. Can you guess why?

### Recent Town Halls

The only **U. S. Senator from Del., NJ, and PA** to host **Town Halls** throughout their state, has been the infamous media hound, **Arlen Specter**. Why are **Senators Frank Lautenberg, Rob Menendez, Tom Carper, and Ted Kaufman** hiding from their constituents? **Why has Bob Casey refused to hold Town Halls throughout PA?** (Casey held town halls in Lock Haven University and University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown last week.)

**Specter conducted a Veterans Affairs Town Hall**, last Monday morning (August 17), at Drexel University—a rather curious location. **Association Member and Veteran, Chris Clemency**, reported that there were more students and university personnel on hand than veterans. Even so, **Chris drilled Specter** (go to [www.IndependenceHallTPA.com](http://www.IndependenceHallTPA.com) and see Chris in action by clicking the top video!)

On **Fox News Sunday**, **Chris Wallace** reported that **the VA** has issued a booklet which **advises veterans to consider ending their lives** if they have become overly depressed, dependent on a wheel chair, or live in a nursing home. **Could a death panel be that far away?**

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At the **Broad Street Ministries Town Hall (in Philadelphia)** featuring **Congressman Joe Sestak**, several **members and friends** grilled **Sestak**, despite being outnumbered ten to one (**The unions, planned parenthood, and left-wing residents** came out in huge numbers. Over a 1,000 ObamaCare supporters—over 100 detractors.)

We made the most of it, however. **Member Anthony Dolpies** provided an on the spot report **Dom Giordano**. Anthony also hammered Sestak in the question and answer segment. **Member Kasey Brown** pointed out that Sestak was hosting the town hall outside his Congressional district so she came up with the idea of a **“Where’s Joe? Rally.”** **Dom Giordano** repeated the refrain

**American Sheepdogs member, Chris Hill**, and **PA Conservative Council member, Greta**, braved the pro-ObamaCare crowd and asked Sestak tough questions.

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On Saturday, August 15, **Congressman Joe Pitts** held a Town Hall in West Chester. As **American Sheepdog founder Rich Davis** points out, **Pitts deserves our utmost support for his unwavering support of limited government and U.S. Troops.**

## **Americans for Prosperity's Rightonline Conference**

Several Association members and friends, along with 600 others, attended the 2nd Annual **Rightonline Conference** held in Pittsburgh, August 14-15.

**C-SPAN provided live coverage** and three local participants gave speeches: **Skye** from [www.MidnightBlue.com](http://www.MidnightBlue.com), Association Organizer **Teri Adams**, and 11-year-old **Quentin Cody**. Check out **Quentin's speech** on You Tube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlcmUrj\\_wsU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlcmUrj_wsU).

## **Where They Stand** (this issue, New Jersey and Delaware)

Just where do our Senators and Congressmen stand on ObamaCare? **Association members Quentin Cody and Don Adams** called each **Congressional office in Delaware and New Jersey** to find the answer.

### Delaware – the First State

**Senator Tom Carper** – Supports public option. Carper sits on the powerful finance committee.

**Senator Ted Kaufman** – Supports public option. Not running for re-election in 2010.

**Congressman Mike Castle** (At large)– Voted against HR 3200 in Committee. Opposes public option.

### New Jersey – the Garden State

**Senator Frank Lautenberg** – Supports public option.

**Senator Robert Menendez** – Supports public option.

**Congressman Rob Andrews** (NJ-1) – Voted for HR 3200 in committee.

**Congressman Frank LoBiondo** (NJ-2) – Opposes HR 3200 and public option.

**Congressman John Adler** (NJ-3) – Remains uncommitted.

**Congressman Chris Smith** (NJ-4) – Opposes HR 3200 and public option.

**Congressman Rush Holt** (NJ-12) – Refuses to state his position.

## **UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL TOWN HALLS**

### New Jersey

**Association member Doug Dash** reports that **Congressman Rob Andrews** is finally hosting a town hall—at a **University**. It seems to be the latest trend. **Andrews has already voted for HR 3200** and supports a public option (ObamaCare).

**Congressman Rob Andrews**, 202.225.6501; 856.848.3900

When: Monday, August 24, 6-8 PM.

Where: Rowan University Campus, Wilson Hall (across from Glassboro High School), on Bowe Blvd., Glassboro, NJ.

**Congressman Rush Holt**, 202.225.5801; 609.750.9365

When: Wednesday, August 26, 7 PM

Where: Middletown Arts Center, 38 Church Street, Middletown, NJ

**Holt's staff refuses to say where the Congressman stands on ObamaCare. Please attend this meeting!** Call 267.582.1091 and give us a report.

**Congressman John Adler** held a town hall a few weeks ago. Check our T News Blast for the report. **Adler remains uncommitted and should be targeted!**

**Congressman John Adler**, 202.225.4765; 856.985.2777

When: August 31

Where: Tele-town hall

Neither **Senators Lautenberg nor Menendez** have scheduled a town hall.

#### Delaware

Senator Tom Carper is planning a tele-town hall.

**Senator Tom Carper**, 202.224.2441; 302.573.6291

When: Tuesday, August 21, 7 PM

Where: Tele-town Hall

**Congressman Mike Castle** held a tele-town hall last week. He hosted three town halls last month – one each in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties. **He has also voted against HR 3200 in committee and opposes obamaCare.**

**Senator Ted Kaufman** is has yet to plan a town or tele-town hall.

#### Pennsylvania

Check above for report on town halls conducted by **Senator Specter and Senator Casey**.

**Congressman Chuka Fattah is planning a town hall at SEIU Local 102 Headquarters!**  
I wonder why?

**Congressman Chuka Fattah**, 202.225.4001; 215.387.6404

When: Tuesday, August 25, 11 AM

Where: Seiu Local 105 HQ, 455 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA

**Congressman Charlie Dent**, 202.225.6411; 215.541.4106

When: Tuesday, August 25, 10-11 AM

Where: Lower Soucon Munciple Building, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike,

Bethlehem, PA

**Congressman Dent Opposes HR 3200** and ObamaCare.

**Congressman Patrick Murphy**, 202.225.4276; 215.348.1194

When: Thursday, August 27

Where: Tele-town hall.

**Patrick Murphy's staff say he supports a public option.** He's not the "bluedog" he claims to be!

To date, **Congressman Tim Holden has not held any town halls and has not taken a position on HR 3200 or ObamaCare.** Holden is a true "bluedog" and should be targeted.

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### **The Big Talker Town Hall/Stop Obamacare Rally (August 31)**

Health Care Reform: A Medical Emergency

**WPHT and Dom Giordano** have invited all tri-state area (PA, NJ, and DE) Congressmen. To date, **Bob Brady (PA-1), Chukah Fattah (PA-2), Jim Gerlach (PA-6), Joe Sestak (PA-7)** have accepted.

Also invited: **Senator Arlen Specter and the Honorable Pat Toomey.** If your Representative has not confirmed, please call your Rep and urge him/her to do so. Capitol Switchboard: 202.224.3121.

**When:** Monday, August 31,  
The Big Talker Town Hall, 6-10 PM;  
Stop Obamacare Rally, 5-? PM (Bring your signs!)

**Where:** The Inquirer Building, 401 North Broad Street (Free Parking).

If you wish to attend the Big Talker Town Hall, **you must register at:**  
[www.thebigtalker1210.com](http://www.thebigtalker1210.com) – Scroll down the home page and click on the "Health Care Reform, Live Town Hall Meeting" box, then register.

**Seating is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.**

We anticipate **full media coverage**, so it's extremely important that **you consider attending both the Big Talker Town Hall and the Stop Obamacare Rally.**

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**Hot Air Balloon Tour Rally (September 9)**

**Americans for Prosperity is planning the largest ever local protest rally against “Cap and Tax” and “Obamacare.”** A prelude to the 912 March On Washington, this event is a must attend.

**When:** Wednesday, September 9, 4-6:30 PM,

**Where:** Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA

**More information to follow.**

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**912 Bus Reservations – See Attached file.**

**That’s all for now.**