

INDEPENDENCE HALL TEA PARTY ASSOCIATION

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Congratulations Fellow Tea Partiers and Friends!

August 2, 2009, the 233rd Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will be remembered as a **watershed date in the history of the Tea Party Movement**.

On that day, in the heart of liberalism (Philadelphia), **over 400 Independence Hall Tea Party Association members and friends** stood shoulder to shoulder **in opposition to Obamacare at an Arlen Specter Town Hall Meeting featuring Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius**. The Meeting took place at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall.

(Contrary to press statements, The Independence Hall Tea Party Association initiated and organized the rally without the monetary or logistical assistance of any national organization!)

The turnout was tremendous for us—despite the nasty weather conditions just prior to the event. (Many Association members and friends reported that they had desperately tried to make it, but were overcome by fierce flooding and closed roads.) **Nearly 400 Union members, Planned Parenthood advocates, Acorn types were on hand in support of ObamaCare**.

Association members and friends who attended the meeting (held on the 2nd floor of the Constitution Center) spoke with a unified voice. **Their words not only echoed throughout the Constitution Center, but also the halls of Congress, the White House, and the living rooms of America**.

As far as Tea Parties go, the news coverage was impressive, if not bewildering. Despite our timely and well-crafted press release, only **CBS 3 and Fox 29 aired clips (15 seconds)**. A few news articles appeared in the local mainstream press (mostly negative, calling us “uncivilized” among other choice words.)

But nationally, Beck, Hannity, Limbaugh, and Co., together with the Fox News Channel, were on top of it—(in part) thanks to Videographer Andrew Monaghan (www.panzramic.com), who captured great footage. NBC 10 and WPVI 6 sent cameramen but somehow deemed the story as unworthy for airing.

Incredibly, a *New York Times* editorial led with the Specter, Sebelius Town Hall Meeting (see link). Even more surprisingly, the piece was somewhat balanced.

The Prelude

On August 1, 2009, in a sign of what was to come, **Congressmen Joe Sestak (PA-7), John Adler (NJ-3), and Patrick Murphy (PA-8), all Democrats, got more than an earful from Association members and friends at respective town hall meetings.**

At a High School in **Prospect Park, PA, nearly 100 Tea Party allies, led by Helen Weber (photo at www.Delcotimes.com), made certain Mr. Sestak (as of today, an official candidate for the US Senate), understood the depth of their opposition to Obamacare.** This meeting, like the one at the Constitution Center, was reported to have been evenly divided.

At roughly the same time, at a **VFW Post in Medford, NJ, nearly 100 Tea Party allies pressed Mr. Adler on his views regarding Obamacare.** This group was in the clear majority and had Mr. Adler on the ropes.

And in **Morrisville, PA, Mr. Murphy was greeted by over 100 Tea Party allies and a ton of unexpected questions.** Mr. Murphy, by all accounts, was also overwhelmed.

Congratulations and keep up the pressure!

ON THE AGENDA

Specter Town Hall Meeting in Lebanon

If you were unable to attend the Specter Town Hall Meeting at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia this past Sunday, **you have a second chance to attend one in Lebanon, PA.**

On Tuesday, August 11, Senator Specter will host the second of his Town Hall Meetings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the HACC-Lebanon Campus, Multipurpose Room, 735 Cumberland Street. **As Mr. Specter is sure to beef-up his troops, we should beef-up ours!**

Rightonline Conference

Don't miss the annual (and increasingly popular) Rightonline Conference, in Pittsburgh, August 14-15, **featuring Michelle Malkin, Pat Toomey, John Fund, and host of other conservative luminaries.**

The event is sponsored by **Americans for Prosperity.** For more information: www.rightonline.com.

If you would like a **free round-trip bus ride to the Conference** for yourself, family members and/or friends, contact: Teri Adams, 215.620.3055 or Teriaa222@yahoo.com. (Space is limited, so please RSVP soon!)

Also, checkout our website at www.IndependenceHallTPA.com!

