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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 4:35 PM
**To:** Debra Heater
**Subject:** I Don’t Think We Can Go On Without You

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| Dear Debra Heater: [Come back](http://TXMA.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0yNzUyOTQ0JnA9MSZ1PTc3NjgwNjIzMyZsaT0xNDgyNDg0OA/index.html) to the association that looks out for you, your practice, and your patients! Texas physicians and our patients triumphed at the state Capitol this year. At the top of the Texas Medical Association’s list of wins were new laws cutting red tape and paperwork hassles that provide no value to patient care, but consume time and effort from our practices.Four of TMA’s hassle-busting bills passed during the 2013 Texas legislative session.* Two create standardized prior-authorization forms for prescriptions and medical services that all health insurance payers must use by 2015, meaning less paperwork for doctors’ offices and fewer delays for patients — both of which drive up costs.
* One lets patients sign in at their doctor’s office with a swipe of their driver license.
* The fourth streamlines the way physicians renew our state controlled substances registration. Now your renewal is due every two years instead of annually, and the state will process the application at the same time as your medical license renewal. You also can reapply for the permit electronically with the Texas Medical Board.

 These successes prove what we can accomplish when we unite in one voice. [Visit our website](http://TXMA.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0yNzUyOTQ0JnA9MSZ1PTc3NjgwNjIzMyZsaT0xNDgyNDg1MA/index.html) for all the details and a complete list of TMA advocacy efforts. **And right now is the perfect opportunity to return to TMA. Rejoin today and when you pay for 2014 membership dues, you get the remainder of 2013 for free. Use Resource Code: FRMMBR13.** http://TXMA.informz.net/TXMA/data/images/jointodayresizedblue.gif  Sincerely, Stephen L. Brotherton, MDPresidentTexas Medical Association |

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