



Physicians Caring for Texans



Dec. 3, 2018

Mr. Darl Easton, Chairman
Tarrant County Republican Party
7524 Mosier View Court, Suite 230
Fort Worth, TX 76118

Dear Chairman Easton:

We write in support of our colleague Shahid Shafi, MD, a Southlake surgeon and the vice chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party.

Just as we reject discrimination of all kinds in our profession and in our practices, we urge you and the party's executive committee to reject discrimination against Dr. Shafi because of his faith. Prejudice and discrimination are anti-American and anti-Texan, and contrary to the ethical precepts of medicine.

Our Code of Medical Ethics also directs physicians to both "respect the law" and to seek changes in those laws that "are contrary to the best interests of the patients."

We are proud of Dr. Shafi, a naturalized American citizen, for taking this directive to heart with his service on the Southlake City Council and the Tarrant County Republican Party. He joins eight Texas physicians — all Republicans, by the way — in the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress, and countless more in city and county government, on school boards, and volunteer local leaders of both parties.

We applaud your strong and consistent personal support for Dr. Shafi and encourage the party's executive committee to follow your lead.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Douglas W. Curran, MD.

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