

believe that control of the educational process for physicians properly resides with university-based medical schools. The pre-Flexnerian era taught us that medical education should not be entrusted to a commercial trade school environment, and our society should not have to learn that lesson over again. Medical schools are not financially in a position to accept responsibility for the post-graduate education of physicians.

I believe it is important that this problem be discussed openly, and I commend your Subcommittee for undertaking these hearings. If the extent of the problem is as great as I suspect, and if my concerns are confirmed by others, society must entertain innovative solutions, even drastic changes in some of our current behavior.

The possibility of permanent pharmaceutical industry dominance over the total post-graduate education of physicians and other health professionals is too serious for us to ignore.

Mr. Chairman, my colleagues and I will be happy to answer any questions you or the other Subcommittee members might have.