You'd spend another year without any professional liability protections. MSMA's 2015 tort reform effort will result in incalculable savings for Missouri physicians; worth far more than MSMA's annual dues.

You would be living in constant fear of frivolous lawsuits at the hands of disgruntled employees and patients willing to exaggerate claims of fraud in hopes of hitting a lawsuit jackpot. MSMA led the fight against legislation that would have allowed any citizen to file a lawsuit in the name of the state against any health care provider suspected of Medicaid fraud. As a reward for doing so, the person bringing the lawsuit would have been rewarded with at least 25% of the state’s recovery.

There would not be state Legal Expense Fund coverage for family physicians and others donating primary care in certain not-for-profit settings, and there would not be civil immunity for physicians volunteering services in certain free clinics.

Countless individuals would be deceased or severely injured and in emergency rooms across Missouri. MSMA has fought for numerous years to keep the state’s mandatory motorcycle helmet law in place.

The children in your practice would not be required to have any childhood immunizations.

APRNs would be practicing medicine independently throughout Missouri. The Licensed Professional Counselors would be performing the same services as psychiatrists and other mental health professionals. Your neighborhood chiropractors would be practicing medicine independently throughout Missouri. MSMA has fought for numerous years to keep the state’s mandatory motorcycle helmet law in place.

You have the ability to prescribe an investigational drug or device for terminally-ill patients who seek these alternatives, with limited liability protections.

You would be required by law to forward the results of all medical tests directly to the patient within five business days.

You and your patients would not enjoy the benefits of clean indoor air. MSMA helped pass the original Missouri Clean Indoor Air law, and has worked to both defend it and strengthen it over the years.

You and your patients would not have the MSMA Insurance Agency which was created and is custom-made to help you find the most appropriate and best-valued insurance coverage for everything from medical malpractice to health insurance for your practice staff.

Tragically, there wouldn’t be a Missouri Physicians Health Program. This outstanding MSMA program assists physicians with a variety of personal issues ranging from substance abuse to family and marital relations to professional boundary issues. It has saved careers, practices, and even lives.

And there wouldn’t be this valuable source of aid for medical students with financial needs. The Foundation has issued more than $11 million in scholarships, and might well be the support that keeps your next practice partner in medical school.