



## **ANH-USA** award to Jonathan Emord

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Jonathan Emord, "FDA Dragon Slayer", at the Sacred Fire of Liberty awards gala

You meet extraordinary achievers every now and then.

A few things mark them out. You can see it in their eyes – and it helps further if they are far-sighted – and I mean in more ways than just ophthalmologically – but that does help too.

It's more than just vision of course. You can see it in their passion and their dedication. You can see it in the thread that runs through their every thought and action – and most conspicuously, you see it in what they achieve.

Jonathan is one of these extraordinary achievers and we are all hugely indebted to what he has given, over more than two decades, to this industry, this movement, this country – to the groundswell of change and awareness of the threats to our liberty and freedom.

He is after all, the FDA Dragon Slayer.

Another quality about people like Jonathan – and of course, let's face it – there is no one like Jonathan – is that the longer you know them, the more you become impressed. There is a seemingly an infinite reserve of drive, of passion, of ideas – to protect our rights and freedoms, a will to bring about change, and to deliver it like a heat-seeking missile to the place where it will have most impact.

As Jonathan has made so clear, liberty and freedom of citizens is what is slowly being eroded – yes, even here in the USA. Tyrannical governments and co-opted industries like it as much as us, but they like keeping for their own ends, ends that are neither in the public interest, or that of the planet's future generally.

Jonathan, this is a small token of our huge appreciation of what you've done for health freedom here in the USA –and also for what we know you will do in the future.

This is a celebration of what is yet to be. A better future where the principles of democracy, of freedom and of liberty, live as large in our daily lives as they were in the minds of the Founding Fathers.

From our hearts to yours, thank you, Jonathan.



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