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To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our thoughts and concerns with regard to those seeking medical services while doctors may experience a dilemma in their conscience in issues such as abortion, contraception and other concerns around reproductive health-care.

Freedom of conscience is an inalienable right that respects the dignity of the human person. It is vital that we allow each doctor and medical professional to exercise his/her conscience according to right-reasoning or a faith-tradition. It is not commendable to force a person to practice something that is contrary to their own beliefs. A person’s beliefs ought to never be divorced from one’s work-life, family life or political life, as this would envelop into a sort of oppression towards the said individuals.

In the case of abortion, it is considered by many to be a gravely immoral act, taking away the life of a developing human being within the womb. Asking a doctor or medical professional to assist, procure and promote an abortion would effectively be asking them to end innocent life. Doctors should have the right to choose otherwise. Please do not permit doctor’s consciences to be suppressed, as this will undermine the dignity of each Canadian citizen.

Mandating doctors to perform such practices will inevitably lead to a weeding out of those who are pro-life from the medical profession. Such a decision therefore imposes on many Canadians an ideology, while refuses to dialogue with the democratic voice of many other Canadians who are in opposition to such trends. This would be reminiscent of a dictatorship.

Thank you for thoroughly considering this letter and our concerns in your desire to care for the health of the persons you continue to support.