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Attention: Policy Department.

Subject: Human Rights Code Policy Review

It is our understanding that the policy department is seeking public input as part of its policy review concerning a doctors’ professional conduct, in emergency situations, which might require a doctor to act contrary to his/her conscience and/or religious beliefs.

We do not believe that any professional or agency, acting in the public interest in a democracy, should exercise such dangerous authority.

Alternative medical service should be sought in non-emergency situations, allowing a doctor to honour his/her conscience and/or religious beliefs. Forcing a professional person or other citizen, to violate conscience or religious beliefs in such situations should not be put into effect.