To further comment on the policy review underway by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

It is my understanding that the college is reviewing with the intent of advising all doctors to conduct any medical procedure for a patient that the patient desires. This being so, from a layman's point of view, a doctor may be required to terminate life at any stage such as, in the womb, destroy the live of the new-born with defects, termination of life through assisted suicide, elimination of handicapped individuals at any stage of life, senior citizens in long term care facilities and so many more involving the quality of life of such individuals.

Doctors placed into such a position are forced to be judge and jury and executioner. In all such cases, human life would be so devalued and as a province of people are capable of any atrocity under the banner of a medical procedure. The lives of a multitude of would be left in the hands of a few, perhaps a committee of three or even perhaps in the hands of the doctor alone. I can only state in the strongest terms that we are treading on a very slippery slope. I ask the review committee to think long term and not to act in haste regarding this most important issue.

I am of the opinion that every life is important and we have much to learn from those we may feel are less important to society. We need only to look to world history to discover what becomes of a people that place little value of the life of an individual. We allow termination of life of the unborn and in some cases the new born in our land, let us not expand the taking of live by medical procedures at the whim of an individual.