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Dear Members of the Consultations Committee:

Subject: Draft Policy “Professional Obligations and Human Rights”.

A number of physicians believe that a mandate for an “effective referral” is a violation of a physician’s rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. I encourage you to support these physicians and reject the proposed “effective referral” mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected.