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Re: Draft Policy “Professional Obligations and Human Rights”

Dear Consultations Committee,

I am deeply opposed to the motion in your proposed draft that would see physicians giving referrals against their consciences. Sections 8, 10, and 11 infer that doctors will be compelled to act against both their personal moral principles and those found in the Hippocratic oath. Freedom of conscience is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Mandating Ontario physicians to act against their own values and disciplining them for not doing so goes against our Canadian values of democracy and freedom. I urge you to uphold freedom of conscience and discontinue the aforesaid motion.