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To Whom It May Concern:

I have read recently that the new draft document re
docor-assisted ending of life states, "where physicians are
unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral
or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health
care provider must be provided to the patient."

Logically, it seems to me that such 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/procedure
to which he or she objects in the first place.

Therefore, as a citizen of Ontario, I object to the proposed
"effective referral" mandate. The doctor's Charter of
Rights of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected.