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College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

To whom it may concern,

We understand the College of Physicians and Surgeons has a draft policy proposing changes that if adopted, would severely restrict the conscience rights of Ontario’s doctors.

My husband and I are very concerned about the direction this Ontario Health Care policy is heading. For the first time in our lives, we are losing the inner security we have always known toward the medical profession and should this draft policy be adopted, will no longer feel safe to place our trust in doctors.

The solution needed is more and better support for access to palliative care, not a medical profession licenced to assist suffering people by helping them to kill themselves.

We do not believe the recent decision of the Supreme Court judges was in the best interests of society. In our view, when non-elected judges rather than parliament, determine our laws, Canada’s democracy is seriously compromised.

Please, we beg you, allow doctors to maintain their freedom of conscience and initiate or support legislation that would help Canadians feel safe. Institute a truly trustworthy and honourable “medical aid in dying” based on caring, not killing.

Sincerely,