Dear... and all those involved in consultations on Professional Obligations and Human Rights:

Thank you for opening your deliberations to input from the public on questions of such importance as the proposed changes to the CPSO's current policy on physicians' rights of conscience.

I earnestly urge you NOT to change the existing policy. It is of primary importance to me that any physician I consult be a person of unshakeable integrity. As the present policy stands, I can consult or refuse to consult any physician as my own conscience dictates. A change in your policy that forces doctors to act against their own consciences will produce insurmountable doctors among those who give in and will drive out the doctors of courage and honour who refuse to violate their professional consciences. I do not want Ontario, or Canada as a whole, to become a place of "Nazi" doctors who will give in to pressure to silence their consciences.

Conscience rights are guaranteed for all Canadians, including doctors, by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Please continue to safeguard the conscience rights of your member physicians.