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Dear Physicians:

I am writing to you to request conscience rights be respected for doctors in Ontario, especially with regard to abortion and euthanasia.

Conscientious objection has a long and honourable tradition regarding military service, associated most often with spiritual traditions invoking non-violence.

With respect to the medical profession, the principle here espoused goes back to the ancient Hellenic beliefs via the Hippocratic oath. Doctors who believe that intentionally causing death is not part of the medical mandate should not be compelled to co-operate in such actions through direct participation or referrals in the name of customer service.

Furthermore, those of us who wish to receive service from physicians who hold such beliefs in the traditional practice of medicine should have the right to do so, which would be effectively blocked by denying conscience rights to physicians.