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Alberta Health
Health Workforce Division

Sent via Email: HEALTH.RegulatedProfessions@gov.ab.ca

Re: Regulated Professions Engagement

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input from the Alberta Medical Association regarding “maintaining standards of competence and ethics without infringing on health professional’s individual rights and freedoms.”

We appreciate efforts to engage, but we believe your current approach will not adequately inform your efforts. You have asked for a single response from a membership of over 14,000 professionals with insufficient time to gather the responses that would be needed.

As AMA President, I can speak confidently and collectively for Alberta physicians in many areas. I cannot, however, speak on issues of personal rights and ethics – and this process is asking me to do just that. I have submitted a completed survey as an individual, because I was unwilling to bypass the opportunity to provide any input and had insufficient time to do otherwise.

I respectfully request that you reopen the engagement window for an additional period of time such that every individual physician who wishes to do so, can participate.

As our regulator, the role of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta is respected and time-honored. Each of us has our own relationship with the College as we practice medicine, care for patients and live our lives. Please take time to connect with all physicians who live within self-regulation every day and who are best positioned to provide nuanced and instructive input. We would be pleased to facilitate this by communicating the opportunity to the members of the AMA and encouraging timely response.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide my thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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President, Alberta Medical Association

cc: The Honorable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health
AMA Board of Directors