

Petition Regarding Conscience Protection for Medical Professionals

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS medical assistance in dying (MAiD) is increasingly controversial as it expands to more Canadians; and

WHEREAS many medical professionals in Ontario have sincere conscientious objections to participating in providing medical assistance in dying for professional, ethical, or religious reasons; and

WHEREAS the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario forces medical professionals to provide an effective referral in cases of conscientious objection; and

WHEREAS this policy has the potential to push medical professionals out of Ontario's already short-staffed health care system; and

WHEREAS violating freedom of conscience harms a person’s professional and personal integrity; and

WHEREAS during the 2018 Ontario provincial election, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario promised to legislate conscience protection.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

Legislate conscience protection for medical professionals who object to participating in providing medical assistance in dying, whether directly, or indirectly through effective referrals, and actively support the Charter-protected right of freedom of conscience.

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