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Via E-mail and Ordinary Mail

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Re: Spousal Exception Regulation for the College of Chiropractors of Ontario (CCO)

Dear Ms Cole:

I am writing to follow up on the teleconference call held on Friday, March 2, 2018 with health regulatory colleges relating to the Bill 87 regulation proposals. During the call, colleges were asked to confirm whether they wanted to proceed with a spousal exception regulation.

As you know, CCO was the college which took the Dr. Leering matter to the Court of Appeal seeking clarification on the very topic which was central in the issues before the Discipline Committee and subsequent court proceedings. CCO had previously been advised that spousal exception regulations would not be processed pending a full review of the legislation and the sexual abuse provisions. In any event, I want to confirm that CCO had a comprehensive consultation process and many discussions both at the Patient Relations Committee level and at a number of full Council meetings. CCO Council, comprised of 9 elected and 7 appointed members unanimously voted to proceed with a spousal exception regulation. The format of that regulation should be consistent with the regulation proclaimed for the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

I would be pleased to provide you with any further information concerning this, but I wanted to make sure there was a record of CCO being one of the colleges seeking such a regulation since I understand the Ministry wants to bundle these regulations and have them proceed together. I know the Ministry is working hard on Bill 87 regulations as well as a number of other initiatives, and we look forward to providing feedback on any aspects required. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I know this is a challenging time.

Yours truly,

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