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lettre de soutien en provenance de la Société canadienne des médecins en soins palliatifs

Dear Dr. Martel,

The Board of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians is very concerned by recent comments from various bodies in Quebec directed towards Palliative Care Professionals who have restated their intention to exercise their right of conscientious objection as recognized within Bill 52.

We firmly support the right of conscientious objection for physicians. The provision of hastened death is a responsibility that does not rest within the domain of palliative care.

Motion DM5-63 prepared by the CSPCP was unanimously passed in August 2015 at the CMA General Council as follows: "The Canadian Medical Association recognizes that the practice of assisted death as defined by the Supreme Court of Canada is distinct from the practice of palliative care."

Please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan MacDonald
President
Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians

cc. Dr. Bernard Lapointe