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Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Dear Honourable Eric Hoskins,

Re : Legislation of Child and Youth Care Practice in Ontario

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents who feel that the absence of a regulatory college for Child and Youth Care Practice (CYCP) in Ontario is not acceptable. I understand that with the use of Psychotherapy becoming a Controlled Act in Ontario, there is a need for regulation. It is particularly important as Child and Youth Care Practitioners (CYPs) provide support to the most marginalized and vulnerable youth, and work within specialized and high risk settings.

My constituents are concerned that if CYCP remains unregulated, they will no longer be able to perform this said act. I have been informed that waitlists will grow and potential vulnerable and high risk children and youth will increase in the risk that they pose to themselves and others. The specialized skill set of the CYCP will be at risk of being delivered to those whose needs are already difficult to serve. Subsequently, the employment of over 10,000 CYCPs currently employed in Ontario, and the 1,000 annual graduates from the 24 CYC College/University programs in Ontario, will be at risk.

My constituents urge that you move this motion forward to regulate Child and Youth Care Practice. Children and youth have unique and inherent human rights and freedoms that must be protected. In Ontario, in the last 18 years alone, there have been 26 inquests into the deaths of children in care. Regulation would serve as a protective safeguard.

I understand that there are reports from the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (*Searching for Home*, pg. 26, 2016), and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (*Because Young People Matter*, pg. 62, paragraph 3, 2016). There is also a report from the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (*Safeguarding the Other 23 Hours*, 2015) regarding this proposal.

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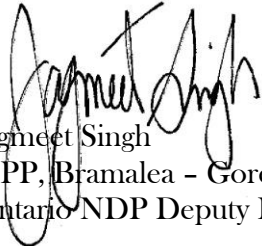


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Warm Regards,



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