

Dear Ontario MPP,

You may not be aware that numerous practitioners living and working in your constituency, who offer holistic, energy, alternative and spiritual treatments, will shortly come under the regulatory authority of a lobby group representing psychotherapists.

Alternative healthcare is under threat in Ontario from establishment healthcare providers who are using regulations to eliminate their competition. Further, since hundreds of thousands of people depend on alternative sources of wellness and healing, their free-choice of treatments will be eliminated in the process and they will be forced to travel to New York or Quebec to receive the treatments they prefer.

For your information, here are the links to important background information:

1. A letter to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, regarding the issue of the assessment and treatment of human disturbances being deemed an 'act of psychotherapy' through legislative amendments to the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), the Psychology Act and the Psychotherapy Act, passed in a massive omnibus bill, Bill 171. The legislation, as currently written, violates the rights and freedoms of both practitioners and their clients. To that end, we have asked the Minister to postpone the proclamation of

specific amendments, scheduled for on Oct 1, 2014, pending further consultation.



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2. The response of the lawyer we have retained to the Canadian Reiki Association, outlining the damage to free choice in health care and the unjust infringement on the ability of alternative health practitioners to practice their treatments caused by these amendments. The response includes a breakdown of the intent of the legislation and outlines the issues in Appendices 1, 2

and 3.  [2Letter to Reiki Assoc re Trans Council statem.PDF](#)

At a time when the *RHPA*, *Psychotherapy Act* and *Psychology Act* legislative amendments will put thousands of innocent practitioners out of work in Ontario, Alberta's government is instead supporting start-ups of alternative and holistic practices in that province, as they recognize that the public is seeking natural alternatives to conventional treatments in ever increasing numbers.

Our request of you as an Ontario MPP:

These unjust legislative amendments adversely impact thousands of practitioners and consumers in Ontario, including in your constituency. To that end, we are urging you to take action by encouraging the new Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins to postpone the final proclamation of these amendments, scheduled for Oct 1, 2014 and engage in further consultation with alternative healthcare practitioners with a view to amending the RHPA legislation to protect non-psychotherapeutic practitioners who do assessments and treatments of human issues safely and effectively.

If these amendments are permitted to be proclaimed and the new College of Psychotherapy given enforcement powers, thousands of people will be hurt for no good reason. The public will be denied their right to free choice.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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