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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

Re: BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel Report and Recommendations

We write in follow up to your letter of September 26, 2017 regarding the report and recommendations arising from the results of a Death Review Panel to Review Medically Assisted Deaths. The three regulatory colleges have met collaboratively to review the report and its recommendations. We want to thank the BC Coroners Service for the opportunity to participate in the Death Review Panel and we endorse and support the recommendations that have been directed to our collective attention to enhance procedural safeguards and quality assurance processes involved in the provision of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

We have had opportunities to meet with the provincial MAiD working group chaired by the Ministry of Health, as well as additional meetings to consider how our existing professionals standards as established under the Regulations pursuant to the *Health Professions Act* can be enhanced to ensure requirements for returning unused medications are consistently met and documented. We are also working with the Ministry of Health to identify how best to collect and record all instances of patient requests for MAiD for quality assurance purposes. Since the writing of this report, the federal government has also established regulations for data collection with respect to medical assistance in dying. We anticipate developing and implementing college requirements that will fulfill both the BC Coroners Service quality assurance expectations as well as federal reporting requirements in the next few months.

In closing, we thank you for the opportunity to participate in the panel, and anticipate addressing the recommendations in the report in the very near future. We will correspond again once we have completed our tasks.

Sincerely,



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