



THE COLLEGE OF
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OF ONTARIO

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Dr. James McCleary, DVM
President
Veterinary Practice Owners Association of Ontario
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Dear Dr. McCleary:

Re: Your letter of October 2, 2017

I am writing on behalf of the College with respect to your letter of October 2, 2017. The College is always open to receive feedback with respect to its initiatives and the legislative reform initiative is no different. However, I am afraid that without actual specifics from you the College is unclear as to what your concerns are.

Your letter states that the “Act proposes to dramatically alter the relation of veterinarians with the public, partner professions, and the CVO”, but you do not say which proposed changes you think would do this or how you believe they would do this.

You also say the changes do “not reflect the uniqueness of the practice of veterinary medicine” but you do not identify the uniqueness to which you are referring or how you believe the proposed legislative changes would not reflect that uniqueness.

You further state that the proposed changes are “out of regulatory step with the rest of Canada, and America” but you do not identify which proposed changes you think are out of step or how you believe they are out of step.

The College will not be holding a referendum on the issue of legislative reform; it is currently engaging in a wide-ranging consultation process to obtain feedback from all of its stakeholders. I really believe that participating in the formal consultation process currently being undertaken by the CVO is the most effective way to ensure that your views are heard. Please keep in mind it is solely the decision of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs whether any recommendations made by Council will move forward.

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I thank you for your interest in the legislative reform project and I look forward to your participation in the formal consultation process and a detailed description of the concerns you may have with respect to particular provisions in the proposed legislation rather than generalized commentary that does not allow for meaningful discussion.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Marin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Marc Marin
President