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Dear President Marc Marin, DVM
Ms. Jan Robinson
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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Mr. Richard Steinecke

The members and executive of the VPOA do not believe the proposed changes to the Veterinarians Act as circulated in the discussion paper are in the interests of the animals, the public, or the profession.

This Act proposes to dramatically alter the relation of veterinarians with the public, partner professions, and the CVO. It also does not reflect the uniqueness of the practice of veterinary medicine which is no way replicated in any other profession.

This proposed new ACT is out of regulatory step with the rest of Canada, and America.

For these and more reasons the profession is entitled to a referendum on the suitability of these proposed changes to the regulatory environment in Ontario.

The mechanics of the referendum can be worked out later to ensure secret ballot and whether veterinary students should have a vote in the future of their profession.

** If we receive no reply by **October 18**, we will have to assume the request is denied. This will therefore force us to proceed in other ways. We sincerely hope this is not necessary. This is a reasonable request.

We are also asking for an **individual reply** so we are sure of the position of each of you.

Thank you,



Dr. James McCleary

VPOA President