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Sent: August 7, 2019 2:41 PM
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX
Subject: Constituent issue MLA Andrew Weaver
Attachments: Minister Dix re Vaccination Reporting OIC 376.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached letter from MLA Weaver to Minister Dix regarding OIC 376 Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation. We look forward to your response.

Thank you and best wishes,

Judy

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Dr. Andrew Weaver MLA
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Via email to: Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca

Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Room 337 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC

Dear Minister Dix,

My constituency office has been contacted by a group of parents who expressed concerns about recently passed OIC 376 being the Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation.

These parents have elected not to have their children immunized. The new regulation concerns them on a number of points. There is one point in particular which I would like to raise with you.

The regulation currently requires parents who have chosen not to have their children vaccinated to attend information sessions. In addition, the regulation requires their children to also attend these sessions. The parents do not want their children to be forced to attend these sessions. They feel that such attendance would only serve to drive a wedge between parent and child resulting in family problems over time. It appears that the Ontario Vaccination Reporting Scheme requires the parents to attend information sessions if they refuse to permit their children to be vaccinated but their scheme does not force the children to attend such sessions. Serious consideration should be given to removing the requirement for children to attend the information sessions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,



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Sent: August 21, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX
Subject: Constituent concern MLA Andrew Weaver
Attachments: Minister Dix re repatriation 21 Aug 2019.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached letter to Minister Dix from MLA Weaver regarding repatriation of foreign trained physicians.

Best wishes,

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Hon. Adrian Dix
Minister of Health
Room 337
Parliament Buildings
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Via email Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Dix,

I have been contacted by numerous constituents regarding the barriers for foreign trained physicians who wish to return to B.C. to practice medicine. I am hearing of significant concerns and inconsistencies within the licensing process and access to medical residencies. In the case of some B.C. residents who are trained outside of Canada, the province has even invested in their education via student loans, yet they face seemingly insurmountable barriers when they wish to return to B.C. after completing their training outside of the country.

As we continue to face a serious shortage of family doctors in B.C. (I have heard constantly for several years from my constituents that they cannot find a family doctor), there is an urgent need for the repatriation of trained physicians. What steps are being taken to address the barriers that foreign trained physicians face?

Former MLA for Vancouver-Langara Moira Stillwell, MD, prepared a report to government in December 2011 "[Action Plan for Repatriating B.C. Medical Students Studying Abroad](#)" which highlights the difficulty students face in returning to their home province after completing medical school training abroad. Can you please advise what recommendations have been implemented from this report regarding the policies and processes of the Canadian Residency Matching Service ("CaRMS").

I am told that a substantial number of residencies are being offered to international students (at substantial, additional cost) and in many cases the students end up returning home abroad.

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I am raising this urgent issue with you and request a reply at your earliest opportunity. As we look at the delivery of primary health care in B.C., it is imperative that these issues be addressed with fair and transparent policies and processes for repatriation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Weaver'.

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