



Dear _____, MLA,

Date: _____

Undoubtedly, you are aware of Bill 36 becoming the new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* and the subsequent challenges of diminished healthcare that this *Act* already represents to practitioners and patients in BC.

The attached postcards are from your constituents, who are concerned that you are not standing up for them. They have included their name and email address expecting that you respond immediately to each person on how you are dealing with this overreach of government. Your response will ensure that you are listening.

Please answer the following questions.

1. What are you doing to let your constituents, including physician and health practitioners, know about HPOA?
2. What steps are you taking to address health care challenges in BC that will only progress under the HPOA?
3. What impacts are you aware of occurring right now in your constituency? For example, ER's are closing!

Print out and learn about the *Act* and provide copies to prominent health offices and physicians in your constituency, and for your constituents upon request. As our representative in the BC Legislature, express our concerns about Bill 36 HPOA in the legislature and respond to your constituents.

Name: _____

Email: _____

The Government of BC passed Bill 36, as the new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA) RESTRICTIONS Effectively in Place

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Doctors of BC

BC Naturopathic Doctors

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Midwives Assoc. of BC

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BC Chiropractic Assoc

BC Dieticians

RMT Assoc of BC

Canadian Assoc of OT-BC

BC Assoc of Optometrists

BC Pharmacy Assoc.

Physiotherapy Assoc of BC

BC Assoc of Speech &

Language, Audiologists

BC Assoc of TCM/Acup.

1. All BC practitioners must now follow health guidelines set by political appointees for their patients or risk penalties including loss of license to practice.
2. Non-compliance with Ministry therapeutic guidelines may result in fines up to \$200,000 or \$500,000 (corporations) and incarceration up to 6 months or 2 years.¹
3. Anonymous complaints to the Colleges can result in summary suspension of licensure to practice before the complaint is investigated.^{2,3}
4. Appointees chosen by politicians may now enter a healthcare practice, seize patient records and restrict access to that facility without a warrant or court order.⁴
5. Refusal to accept all Ministry mandated vaccines and therapies will likely result in delicensure.⁵
6. College advisory boards will now consist of government appointees only.⁶
7. All "self-regulatory" healthcare professions in BC will be governed entirely by politicians and their agents, using appointees selected by the Ministry of Health.⁷
8. The Cabinet and the Minister of Health can adopt as law in BC any regulations, codes, standards or rules enacted in foreign jurisdictions or international bodies.⁸

Bill 36 was one of the largest bills ever passed in British Columbia, consisting of 645 sections and 276 pages, that received royal assent on November 24, 2022. Members of the BC legislature failed to fully consider or debate the 412 clauses. MLA Mike Farnworth made the motion to dispose (end) the debate, and that motion was carried. The public was denied due democratic process to have a fully debated and considered bill, violating the BC government's own Standing Order s. 84 (1)(2) of the *BC Constitution Act* (1996), s.45.

The HPO Act: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov36-3>

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