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Are you aware of BC's **Bill 36**, which is now the **Health Professions and Occupation Act (HPOA)**? I am writing to you because our profession is very concerned about Bill 36/HPOA. By signing the digital Bill 36 card, included in the link below, you will be helping send your message of **NO to Bill 36/HPOA** to the BC Government. Every signed card makes a difference, by sending a message that this is not acceptable.

We are concerned that Health Care is already crumbling in BC, as you have probably seen in the news and personal experience. ERs are closing for a few days a week in places like Oliver and Merritt. Surrey Memorial hospital staff are discouraging patients from attending their ER because they think it is not safe. Cancer patients are not getting timely care, waiting weeks to months for follow up testing and treatment. Some are being sent to Bellingham, WA for treatment. In addition, the BC Ministry of Health has refused to hire back the thousands of Health Care workers terminated due to the current BC Public Health Order. Of note, BC is one of very few places in the Western World who have not hired back their terminated Health Care staff.

1. Do you have a medical doctor? If not Bill 36/HPOA could make this much worse. Many health professionals are leaving the province, and retiring early, because of this Bill. Those who remain are left with more work and burnout.
2. Bill 36 amalgamates 16 self-regulating health professional boards into 6; the reasons for this are unclear.
3. These new boards will consist of a majority of government appointees. This leaves very few, if any, elected members on these new boards, to properly represent the professions.
4. Bill 36 will affect informed consent with government determined best practices. If your doctor disagrees, they may not be allowed to tell you as this will be considered as misinformation by the government.
5. Bill 36 ends personalized Health Care and opens the door for foreign agencies to determine your treatment options.
6. Bill 36 prevents Health Care professionals from acting as advocates for BC residents; instead, forcing them to follow government guidelines.
7. Bill 36 allows for anti-democratic circumvention of lawful legislative process allowing statutes to be introduced by foreign rule rather than by a voting process.

The government says 4000 British Columbians including many Health Care professionals were consulted regarding aspects of the previous Health Care Act before the creation of Bill 36. We don't know who these 4000 people were as most Health Care Professionals don't even know or understand the details of this ACT. It is one of the largest Bills ever passed in the BC legislature with 645 sections. However, for efficiency, the BC Government only read or debated 233 of the 645 sections, or 36%. That means that 412 of the 645 sections, or 64% were ignored. Although it replaces the Health Professions Act, the term "*Patient Centered Care*" is **not** mentioned **once**.

The government received over 17,000 signatures on petitions saying NO to this HPOA ACT in May 2023 and we now have over 3000 signed postcards. Thus, over 20,000 British Columbians have said NO to this ACT, and this number is growing every day. With your help we can get make this even more powerful.

Please sign this digital postcard by clicking on the link below. Say NO to repeal this ACT. We will send it in on your behalf. Please include your email so we can add you to our Bill 36 newsletter to keep you current on our efforts.

The Bill 36 Newsletter link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/MABMUSI/bill36>

Two MLAs of the BC Conservative party are fighting for your choice in Health Care, John Rustad and Dr. Bruce Banman, DC. They will deliver the first batch of cards to the BC Government in early November.

We can easily see the egregious errors of how this Bill was enacted and the overreach of this BC government. We also see positive things because of this campaign. It is acting as a powerful catalyst that is waking up people across BC and Canada, to the issues in the Health Care system. This as an opportunity to demand change and bring forward a more sensible Health Care system, focused on choice and ensuring doctor-patient confidentiality.

Thank you for your help.