Date

The Hon. Christine Elliott

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

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Dear Minister Elliott,

I am currently under the care of an Osteopathic Manual Practitioner (OMP) that is a member of the Ontario Association of Osteopathic Manual Practitioners (OAO). I have been advised that under the current lockdown, Osteopathic Manual Practitioners are not permitted to continue their professional practice and are not able to care for patients, like myself, that have relied on their services. Osteopathy is a health service that aims to improve health across all body systems by manipulating and strengthening the musculoskeletal framework.

I understand that the pandemic has made it necessary for you and your government to make difficult decisions, including issuing orders that restrict certain health care practitioners from delivering care to their patients. I rely on manual osteopathy to assist my everyday functioning and am concerned about my inability to receive the care I require. I do not understand why other health professionals can continue to provide treatment while my Osteopathic Manual Practitioner cannot.

I am writing to request that the order be amended so that Osteopathic Manual Practitioners can resume their practice under the same set of precautions applicable to regulated health care professionals.

I urge you, and the public health officials that advise you, to allow Osteopathic Manual Practitioners to return to providing in-person services so that all Osteopathic Manual Practitioners can attend to the health care needs of their patients while adhering to all necessary practice guidelines that will ensure our continued health and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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