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RE: Proposed regulations to *Quality of Care Information Protection Act, 2016*

Dear Sean:

RNAO is the professional association representing registered nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students in Ontario. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on regulation proposal 16-HLTC011 pertaining to the *Quality of Care Information Protection Act, 2016* (QCIPA)

As RNAO indicated in its response to Bill 119, we are supportive of processes that give health facilities the opportunity to review critical incidents so they can improve quality of care. The assurance of confidentiality is important for health professionals to speak openly about critical incidents and to learn from errors. RNAO strongly believes that this need for confidentiality must be balanced with the need for transparency—for patients, their families and staff—all of whom deserve to know about the quality of care provided. Following a critical incident, it is understandable that patients and families want to know what happened. RNAO has spoken openly about and as we have done to date, will continue to support measures to increase transparency and prevent the unnecessary shielding of information.

RNAO has reviewed the draft regulations and do not have significant concerns at this time. However, once QCIPA, 2016 is proclaimed, RNAO seeks an opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss implementation and what improvements are needed to the legislation and/or regulations.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doris Grinspun", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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