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To Whom it may concern

As a medical doctor and member of the public I am writing this submission to address the lack of both accountability and transparency in the decision making process regarding the COVID-19 restrictions and relative health directives given by our Chief Health Officer Dr. Jeannette Young.

As a country that does not adopt a socialist, communist or totalitarian approach, those in public office are required to be accountable to the general population of this country when serious decisions are made that encroach upon an individuals basic freedoms and rights.

During the year long COVID –19 restrictions, decisions have been made by the CHO with little or no medical accountability and very little or no input from senior medical specialists more learned in this area of medicine.

The decisions of the CHO appear to have been made mostly in consultation with the premier and appear to be based rather on polling advice than on sound, proven medical research.

In order for a CHO to be given such extreme powers she needs tp make available to the public every bit of data, research and medical advice that backs her opinion and justifies her reasoning for locking down a state or part of. I have, as yet, not seen any evidence, either before or after restrictions or lockdowns, to support her current decision making to date. I do not support allowing an extension of the CHO extreme emergency powers.

I suggest , as does all good practice of medicine, that decisions are based on evidence, expert advice and data. I feel that she has failed us in her rash decision making that seems to have been made out of fear rather than out of sound medical protocol.

Please feel free to contact if further information is required.

Kind Regards
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