

December 12, 2019

Honourable Jason Kenney, PC Premier of Alberta Office of the Premier 307 Legislature Building 10800 - 97 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6 Honourable Travis Toews
President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance
Office of the Minister
208 Legislature Building
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Re: Open Letter to Premier Kenney and Minister Toews concerning fair insurance regulations

Dear Honourable Premier & Minister,

Please accept this letter as our individual and collective appeal to you that full consultation regarding the *Minor Injury Regulation* occur before any changes are made.

I am a member of a medical profession certified to practise my respective profession in the Province of Alberta. I took an oath to perform my duty as a medical professional and to provide such services and treatment to the best of my ability, knowledge and skill with integrity and honesty. As a professional, it is my duty to diagnose and/or treat medical conditions as accurately and responsibly as possible.

I am aware that there is discussion and consideration about further expansion of the *Minor Injury Regulation*. I am deeply concerned that Albertans who suffer conditions like post-concussion syndrome, chronic pain, and PTSD arising from motor vehicle accidents could see compensation for their pain and suffering reduced. **Concussions, PTSD and chronic pain are not minor injuries and should not be categorically described or treated as such.** Rather, they are long-term conditions that can require extensive treatments and may affect one's ability to earn an income, function, enjoy and contribute fully in every area of life.

Expansion of the regulation is unfair to innocent Albertans who have been victimized in vehicle accidents.

By my individual and our collective signatures, I respectfully request that no changes be made to the *Minor Injury Regulation* without full consultation with all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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