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Dear Chair,

We are concerned about the proposed guidelines you have submitted for the chiropractic profession.
It appears to us to be a redundant and overbearing document, which in large part serves no real purpose other than to control and limit all chiropractors in every facet of our work. Some of the document is sensible but most of these issues are being dealt with effectively in other guidelines.
Also the three weeks allowed for the profession to submit their comments on the proposal is inadequate for thorough consideration and discussion.

A couple of examples will suffice:

1. The fact that even talking about the benefits of chiropractic in private conversation being seen as impermissible advertising is ludicrous. Watching TV or reading magazines and newspapers make it obvious that other professions are not restricted by such advertising guidelines.

2. As a chiropractor who has been helping children with learning and behaviour problems over the past ten years I find it frightening that you attempt to dictate the recommendations for care based on those suffering with neck and back pain. The CAA and ASRF definition of vertebral subluxation involves nerve interference, not pain.

3. We object to the notion that you attempt to dictate what sort of health care we seek. Whether we see a GP or choose to receive vaccinations must be up to each individual depending on his/her health status and philosophy.

We appreciate your effort and time in promoting safe and ethical chiropractic care, however this is not the way to do it.

Yours in chiropractic,

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