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Dear Dr. Brulé,

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation for agreeing to participate in the Ontario College of Family Physicians' (OCFP) conference in Toronto on Nov 17th, 2007. On behalf of the membership of OSNPPH and the OCGHEPA, we thank you for your willingness to participate on a panel along with Dr. Freedhoff, following our letter of concern to the OCFP regarding the lack of balance we anticipated in this session.

Health Canada is recognized by the many health professionals and organizations, including the ones we represent as an authoritative source of evidence-based nutrition information for over 70 years. Collectively, we have confidence that the approach implemented by Health Canada in the development of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide as documented on your web site was transparent and open whereby all stakeholders' input, including that of OSNPPH, was sought and considered in the process.

OSNPPH and OCGHEPA hold strongly that opinions should be voiced in the context of balanced perspectives to ensure that the audience is able to critically analyze varying view points in order to determine for themselves the best messages to convey to their patients.

Thank you for your contributions in an effort to influence the audience to take a more critical lens in their interpretation of the information presented by Dr. Freedhoff.

With deep gratitude,

Sent via e-mail

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