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Dear Annie Schiefer,

The proposed changes outlined in this document would help enhance interprofessional care, as well would improve the delivery of health care services offered in Ontario. Dietitians possess the knowledge and skills to order diets and appropriately interpret biochemical test to assess effectiveness of a care plans. The changes proposed would minimize the current barriers in practice dietitians face both in hospital and in community settings.

As a dietitian working in an acute care hospital, I believe this would facilitate efficient care for patients requiring a change in their therapeutic diet, enteral or parenteral prescription. Patients requiring nutrition support (i.e. TPN or tube feeding), are generally at high risk for malnutrition. The process for obtaining a physician order to initiate a dietitian recommendation for a nutrition support prescription, in the absence of a medical directive, is extremely cumbersome and lengthy. Often there are extensive delays in the delivery of needed nutrition therapy.

I truly believe that the recommendations outlined in this document would help improve dietitian practice in Ontario and I fully support this proposal.

Regards,

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