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Honorable Doug Ford,  
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Dear Premier Ford,

We are writing to you as a group of 5 ON, 1 NS and 7 BC physicians, in support of the Open Letter written to you by MPP Roman Baber. Firing MPP Baber for pointing out the futility and dangers of COVID lockdowns will not solve your problems or save your Province. Unlike politicians, Canadian medical doctors have a duty to speak from a scientific perspective and not political.

Your Government's policies are having a horrific effect on the physical and mental health of Ontarians. British Columbia has not implemented a second lockdown as means of controlling Coronavirus spread because it identified the terrible consequences of lockdowns, be they unemployment, suicides, overdoses, spousal and child abuse, poverty and deaths from despair. BC leaders learned a lesson from the first lockdown, but your Government and public health advisors have not.

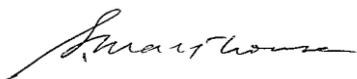
Research clearly shows that lockdowns have not reduced COVID hospitalizations, ICU admissions or deaths in North America or Europe<sup>1</sup>. In fact, lockdowns have increased life-years lost by 1000%, using a conservative calculation<sup>2,3</sup>. Imprisoning the young to protect the frail elderly was never a part of any country's original pandemic plan.

Forcing the residents of Ontario to sacrifice activities of daily life, physical and mental well-being and businesses in order to protect the healthcare system from being overloaded is misguided. Our impression and that of our colleagues' is that Ontario hospitals are currently occupied at or below capacity for this time of year. Many rural emergency rooms are almost empty. People are too frightened by the constant fearmongering on TV to see a doctor. There is plenty of head scratching and disbelief among our medical peers when your public health "experts" announce that the hospitals are overwhelmed. A review of early December 2020 Intensive Care Unit occupancy showed it to be only 80%, which is less than the previous 3 years<sup>4</sup>. Hospital occupancy was also significantly down at 84%.

There is no scientific or medical basis for lockdowns. If your policies are politically motivated to win votes in the next election, we anticipate that you will be disappointed. The public is waking up to the collateral destruction the lockdowns are causing the Province of Ontario and elsewhere in Canada. It is getting difficult to ignore this devastation as Government policy makers overreach into people's homes and businesses to prevent them from living their lives. We ask that you end the lockdown.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://bit.ly/2NuPZgM> <sup>2</sup> <https://bit.ly/2Y5fxDb> <sup>3</sup> <http://bit.ly/2UTrk5M> <sup>4</sup> <http://bit.ly/365o8dm>