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Via fax: (250) 952-1570
Government of British Columbia
Office of the Provincial Health Officer
Stn. Prov Govt
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Immediate Action Required
Mandatory Vaccine Order

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¹ BC Press Release, August 23, 2021

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The Current Situation

Since 23 August 2021, no health order has been released, and yet the stated deadline is less than 2 weeks away. While we have been deprived of these details, it has been widely reported that the requirement to be vaccinated will be mandatory, and no accommodation shall be made for individual Human Rights or Charter considerations.

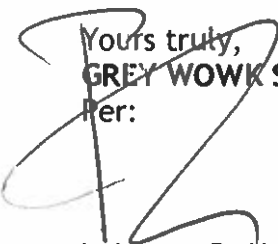
We presume that the current reporting is in error and that the British Columbia Government could not announce, and then pronounce, a public health order that intentionally violates individual Human Rights and the Charter. We further assume that the British Columbia Government does not intend to bar responsible and health-conscious BC residents and members of the BC workforce from working and participating fully in BC society. We therefore call upon the British Columbia Government to:

- Immediately correct the misreporting that has occurred on this issue, assuring all members of the public that the Government of BC will respect its Charter obligations and long-established Human Rights of its citizens, and specifically will respect valid medical, religious and other exemptions; and
- Staying the 13 September and 24 October deadlines until a public health order that respects individual rights can be finalized, approved and published.

Otherwise, we are instructed to take reasonable steps to protect our clients' rights, including injunctive relief. We therefore ask that those responsible for the carriage of this file within Department of the Attorney General contact us to arrange to have these matters dealt with by the Court.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,
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