



October 15, 2021

Ms. Theresa Stevens, President
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Via email

Dear Ms. Stevens,

We sincerely appreciate all the work that has been done within the last few weeks that was presented in the Council meeting materials and discussed and decided on in the Council meeting yesterday.

We support the emphasis on pursuing multiple solutions to expedite the registration process and safe entry to practice for candidates, including alternatives to the CAPR examination, especially the use of the QA program and exemptions through the Registration Committee as the timeliest options. We look forward to working with the College on changes to the regulations to address the longer-term issues. OPA also joins with the College in calling for CAPR to share the resources, requested by the College, that are needed to expedite solutions in Ontario and help mitigate any potential legal and psychometric concerns noted in the meeting.

The OPA strongly supports your stated priority to arrive at and implement solutions as soon as possible. It will be critical to those affected in the physiotherapy community, especially the 1,000 and growing number of candidates awaiting registration, that the College clarify timelines to address the motions from the October 14th meeting as soon as possible and communicate, through public channels, regular updates on this work.

As options for solutions are becoming clearer, this would be an optimal time to gather all the expertise of stakeholder groups of the profession in Ontario – including the College, the five academic programs and the Association – in a meeting to work together and share our resources to move these solutions forward. We would be pleased to help coordinate and support that meeting.



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The OPA continues to offer all available resources to assist the College in whatever way we can to move this critical work forward and implement solutions that fulfil the College's mandates of public protection and access to health care.

Yours sincerely,

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Paulette Gardiner Millar
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