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Dear Canadian Institutes of Health Research Review Committee,

TREASURER
Peter Brindley

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Secretary of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS) to provide my strong and enthusiastic support of Dr. Stelfox's Foundation Grant application focused on improving Transitions in Care in the Critically Ill.

PAST PRESIDENT
Alison Fox-Robichaud

Dr. Stelfox is a valuable member of the Canadian Critical Care Society who has contributed seminal work into the understanding of the journey many of our patients and their families take when faced with serious illness. Within this Foundation Grant, he has proposed novel methodology that engages our patients and families in determining a shared plan of transitions in care out of the ICU and has recognized that the journey requires compassionate and thoughtful engagement with the patient, family, and the health care team. The proposed research program will engage Canadians and their health care providers in discussions that are vital to the sustainability of our health care system.

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Generally, we see the role of the CCCS to attest to the importance of work and how we can contribute to knowledge translation. We are prepared to provide a partnership with in-kind contributions of \$4,000 over the period of the proposal. This will include:

- 1) Having a member of the CCCS Executive sit on the team's stakeholder committee.
- 2) Help the team to identify and liaise with relevant experts and knowledge users in the Canadian critical care community.
- 3) Work with the team to develop dissemination materials through our Knowledge Translation Committee and Clinical Committee.
- 4) Engage a broader group of ICUs for eventual larger implementation and evaluation.

The proposed program of research, and the training of younger faculty underscores the mission of the CCCS. The CCCS is dedicated to promoting research, education and patient care in Critical Care Medicine. We believe that advocacy is an important role for the Society, and we speak vigorously for Critical Care in Canada. We have an active web and social media presence. Our official journal is the Canadian Anesthesia Journal. Ultimately, we will also incorporate key principles from his research into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, continuing medical education activities, and review courses for our trainees. We will work with Dr. Stelfox to develop resources as his research program evolves by inviting his input and feedback.

In summary, we believe that this program of research is of the highest possible impact for our patients, their families, and Canadian Critical Care community. Dr. Stelfox is an exceptional clinician scientist with a proven track record of success in research.

This is an outstanding grant application from an outstanding research team. Clearly, financial support is needed to bring the proposed work to fruition!



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With Kind Regards,

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