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Via Email: [registrar@cpsa.ab.ca](mailto:registrar@cpsa.ab.ca)

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta  
2700, 10020 100 Street NW  
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**Attention: Dr. Scott McLeod, Registrar**

Dear Dr. McLeod:

**Re: Letter of Support for City of Cold Lake and Streamlining Foreign Physician Assessments**

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Council fully supports the request by the City of Cold Lake to have the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta consider streamlining the assessment process for physicians from outside of Canada but wish to extend this consideration be given to facilitate integration for those doctors in all communities in Alberta currently facing physician shortages.

Our current health crisis has clearly demonstrated the need for additional doctors to support and enhance caregivers that are overworked and stretched to capacity when there are many immigrant physicians sitting on the sidelines forced to work in underemployed positions to make ends meet.

We recognize that it is a great responsibility to ensure that foreign educated doctors are qualified to Canadian standards, but it appears that the current process is too cumbersome and that as a country we are losing out on this virtually untapped pool of skilled medical professionals.

We thank you for your kind consideration and hope that we can all work together to find a solution to this problem, or at the very least to make improvements to the current accreditation process by removing the significant barriers to becoming certified in our province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blair Painter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: The Honorable Jason Copping, Minister of Health  
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Rural Municipalities Association