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## CANZUK International

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### **Re: Access For Physicians From Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom**

Dear Dr. Grant,

I am writing to you as the CEO of CANZUK International, an international advocacy organization that promotes the free movement of citizens between Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom - the CANZUK nations. Our organization is deeply committed to fostering collaboration and reciprocal working rights across these nations, particularly in professions critical to the well-being of their citizens.

Understanding the complexities of healthcare delivery and the critical role that physicians play in safeguarding public health, we applaud the College's continued commitment to ensuring that competent healthcare professionals can contribute to the well-being of Nova Scotia residents. However, in light of the current healthcare landscape in Nova Scotia where a significant number of individuals are patiently awaiting access to family doctors, we believe that there is an opportunity to enhance the provincial healthcare workforce by extending working opportunities to qualified professionals within Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The province's decision to recently facilitate the entry of physicians from the United States has already proven successful, with numerous doctors choosing Nova Scotia as their destination to live and work. Given the evident success of the initiative and the growing demand for healthcare professionals, we propose exploring additional avenues to attract qualified doctors from within the CANZUK nations. These efforts can significantly contribute to addressing the healthcare needs of Nova Scotia's residents while fostering international cooperation among our closest allies.

We understand the importance of ensuring that any changes, such as the aforementioned, align with the highest standards of medical practice. However, we believe that a collaborative and evidence-based approach can be employed to work with the CANZUK nations which have comparable safety standards and healthcare systems. This approach would not only address immediate workforce needs but also strengthen the ties between our nations and promote a sense of global solidarity in healthcare delivery. We also believe that the shared values and similarities in medical systems between Nova Scotia and the CANZUK nations could pave the way for a collaborative framework and promote the highest standards of skills within our healthcare professions.

We are confident that your continued leadership and the College's commitment to public safety will guide the province of Nova Scotia towards a more inclusive and efficient healthcare system, and we look forward to the possibility of contributing to any ongoing dialogues on this matter, and providing assistance or information that may support your efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



**James Skinner**  
*Founder & Chief Executive Officer*

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