



Action Coalition on Human Trafficking

Canadian Federation of Medical Students
#401, 267 O'Connor Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 1V3

February 2, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Educating Canadian Medical Students on Human Trafficking in Canada

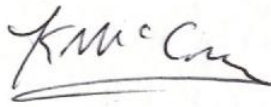
I am writing this letter in support of the initiative of Mr. Guberman and Ms. Herrington to incorporate human trafficking education into Canadian medical school curricula. I am aware of the six core competencies outlined by the CFMS Global Health Program and I believe that human trafficking specifically relates to four of them: health implications of travel, migration and displacement; social and economic determinants of health; globalization of health and healthcare; and, human rights in healthcare.

As an organization, ACT Alberta recognizes the importance of educating future healthcare providers on human trafficking in order to ensure victims of human trafficking do not fall through the cracks. Providing medical students with information about human trafficking, screening protocols, and victim support services will allow future healthcare professionals to interact more confidently with potentially trafficked patients. It is my hope that this project will enable medical students to develop the skills necessary to identify victims of human trafficking and provide these individuals with potentially life-saving resources. In our experience, a project of this nature is frequently requested and would be of great benefit in the response to human trafficking.

ACT Alberta works collaboratively with law enforcement, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to identify and respond to human trafficking in Alberta. ACT Alberta serves the needs of internationally and internally trafficked men, women, and children, and assists those trafficked for the purposes of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, and the removal of organs.

Thank you for considering this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K McCrae', with a horizontal line underneath.

Karen McCrae
Manager of Communications and Development
Action Coalition on Human Trafficking Alberta