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This is further to your correspondence with respect to the proposed s.137.1 Courts of Justice motion ("Anti-SLAAP").

While we do not agree, procedurally nor substantively, with your client's dilatory proposed motion, due to the fact that once an Anti-SLAAP motion procedurally puts the entire action on hold pending the outcome of the motion, and any subsequent appeals therefrom, my clients have decided to discontinue against your client, the CBC.

My clients will not agree to an order "dismissing" the action against your client due to the misleading optics that the Court actually dismissed it, but chooses to discontinue in accordance with the Rules, in accordance with the jurisprudence on the issue, in, inter alia, the Federal Court of Appeal decision in *Philipos v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2016 FCA 79 (CanLII), [2016] 4 FCR 268.

Therefore, find attached notice of discontinuance, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Yours truly

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Per:

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c.c. - Clients

#### COURT FILE NO.CV-20-00643451-0000

### **ONTARIO**

## SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

BETWEEN:

Vaccine Choice Canada (VCC),

**Plaintiffs** 

-and-

Justin TRUDEAU, Prime Minister of Canada, Dr. Theresa TAM, Chief Medical Officer for Canada, Marc GARNEAU, Canadian Transport Minister, Doug FORD, Premier of Ontario, Christine ELLIOT, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario, Stephen LECCE, Minister of Education for Ontario, Dr. David WILLIAMS, Ontario Chief Medical Officer, CITY OF TORONTO, John TORY, Mayor City of Toronto, Dr. Eileen DE VILLA, Toronto Chief Medical Officer, The County of WELLINGTON- DUFFERIN-GUELPH ("CWDG"), Nicola MERCER (Chief) Medical officer for CWDG,

WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY, Dr. Wajid AHMED (Chief) Medical Officer for Windsor-Essex County, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario, The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation ("CBC"), Johns and James DOE, officials and employees of the above-noted Defendants

Defendants

#### NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE

The Plaintiffs, through their lawyer, hereby discontinue the claim in the within action against one (1) of the Defendants, The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation ("CBC").

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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