

COALITION OF ONTARIO DOCTORS

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Dear Dr. Walley:

We are writing in regard to your August 24, 2016 letter to OMA members in which you indicate that the OMA has formally requested a meeting with Minister Hoskins and Premier Wynne to discuss next steps for binding arbitration and physician services negotiations.

Given our serious concerns regarding the manner in which the OMA negotiated, disclosed, and pressed on membership the tentative PSA with a disrespectful communications campaign funded with members' resources, the Coalition of Ontario Doctors does not support such a meeting in the absence of representation from our organization.

In our opinion, the OMA has yet to properly respond to the membership's desire for transparency, accountability and renewal. Moreover, it has not yet taken appropriate steps to repair the trust that was broken through the events of the last two months. Given this, we cannot support your efforts to meet with government, on your own, at this time.

Until these concerns are satisfactorily addressed, the Coalition of Ontario Doctors, which represents thousands of family physicians and specialists across the province, must be directly involved in any meeting involving the OMA and the Ontario government.

Sincerely,
Coalition of Ontario Doctors

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