Dear Premier Doug Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliot,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the proposed critical care triage protocol which has been previously addressed to you in correspondence from ARCH Disability Law Centre and the AODA Alliance.

As a family member/loved one of person with a disability/a person with a disability I am extremely concerned that what is being proposed contains criteria which is discriminatory to individuals with disabilities. The human rights code guarantees accommodation due to disability and the triage protocol, if used in its current form, would remove this fundamental right and subject myself/our loved ones to having choices made for their health and wellbeing that are not in accordance with the law. Furthermore, we understand that this protocol has been established in secrecy with no consultation of the public or those with disabilities. The Clinical Frailty Scale notes the use of activities of daily living as being part of the predictors of mortality and this is a frightening prospect.

We call on the provincial government to do the following:

* Immediately revoke the proposed triage protocol.
* Ensure that any protocol put in place does not discriminate and is done according to law.
* Consult with individuals with disabilities, families, and advocacy organizations to ensure that those with disabilities, who already face various forms of discrimination in society, can provide input and information.
* Assure due process for all patients.

Enter your own personal statement/thoughts (we suggest 4-6 lines)

This is a life and death issue for myself/our loved ones and the Ontario Human Rights Commission has publicly stated that “we must ensure that vulnerable groups disproportionately affected by the pandemic are not further disadvantaged by the measures taken to manage critical care services in the days and weeks to come”.

Sincerely,

Signature or type name

cc your local MPP