

To whom it may concern,

Writing to express my concern regarding the proposed amendment to allow health minister access to emr data. This is unprecedented and quite frankly, ridiculous. This will erode the therapeutic relationships that are inherent to primary care, regardless of how you spin it. Safety for patient confidentiality and physician autonomy will be compromised. This will drive out the few remaining family doctors and could be a final straw for me.

I have just been reading about the concern West Hants community members have about this privacy breach. I have been reading for weeks from physician leaders who are appalled by this invasive and potentially devastating approach. As if family physicians and Nova Scotian residents could be disrespected any more by the Houston government.

I've certainly received the not-so-subtle decision that our current government has made to give up on family doctors. In doing this, every move I've seen for primary care has been an insult to Nova Scotians in offering only ignorant and sub- standard care solutions.

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