

Dear Francoise,

Thank you for your correspondence. Like you, I believe these are vitally important issues. I also appreciate the role you have played, by way of outlining the various concerns this appointment has raised.

Following our recent meeting of the SCE and IABEDs, I had the opportunity to discuss these matters, in detail, with Governing Council. I am attaching a note that I sent the SCE late last week, outlining my interactions with GC, their decision to write a letter supporting the appointment, and my rationale for agreeing to sign the letter.

As of today, I understand that the Health Committee has agreed to and will hear from other concerned parties, on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This will enable it to weigh the various and divergent perspectives on this appointment. I fully support this decision, and believe it makes the process more transparent and fair.

Members of the ethics committee have taught over the years that it is possible for people to reach different conclusions, in spite of following ethically sound processes. I believe the process of ethical debate in this instance has been sound, in spite not reaching consensus. No doubt, we will all be watching how this unfolds in Ottawa over the coming days.

Kind regards,

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