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To whom it may concern,

I would like to register very deep concern about Section 2.1 of the draft code;

“you need to acknowledge and consider the effect of your comments and actions outside work, including online, on your professional standing and on the reputation of the profession. If making public comment, you should acknowledge the profession’s generally accepted views and indicate when your personal opinion differs. Behaviour which could undermine community trust in the profession ... may be considered unprofessional.”

Medicine is based on scientific evidence-not on the agreed "consensus" of a collective group of "professionals" deemed to be in charge of the correct group think. This paragraph would seek to stifle enquiry- as well as limit those who see harm being done by those who are in the "generally accepted group". History has shown numerous times when in medicine the "generally accepted" position has proven to be wrong. Your role is not to stifle free speech, nor discourage those with different views from challenging the orthodoxy of those in power. This would be detrimental to the medical profession as the general public would loose faith in the determinations made by your body as they would see them in light of the prevailing political winds.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to remove this section from draft document.

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