PREAMBLE:

Bill 36 was passed by the Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2022, and received Royal Assent that same day. Upon receiving Royal Assent, Bill 36 was enacted as the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* by the Legislature. The Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council on the recommendation of the minister responsible and the presiding members of the Executive Council. Although not yet in force, the Bill having been enacted into law, cannot be withdrawn by the House. The only option of request that is within the purview of The Legislative Assembly is to request that The Legislative Assembly take steps to repeal the Act.

The exact wording of "the prayer" (e.g. the petition) was created with guidance from MLA Mr. John Rustad and The Office of the Clerk. There are specific text requirements with respect to the text within the prayer and the request of the House must be within the purview of The Legislative Assembly. The Office of the Clerk unilaterally decides whether the petition is in order after the final petition has been presented to the House by MLA Mr. John Rustad, thus a preliminary review by the Office of the Clerk provides the best chance of a confirmed petition. Therefore, while you may disagree with the wording and/or request within the petition, this cannot be changed or edited.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. All information collected on the petition needs to be in **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** form (e.g. no scanning or emailing of electronic signatures). **DO NOT** alter petition in any matter
- 2. Print off the petition and canvas for signatures from MDs ONLY
- 3. After collecting **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** signatures, please mail the petition to:

ATTN: Mr. John Rustad PO Box 421 Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0

HOUSEKEEPING:

The petition can be submitted with even 1 signature so do not worry about the page not being full before submitting. Similarly, if you fill a page DO NOT simply add on a blank page with more signatures and attach it to the petition; you must start a fresh petition. Any MD (e.g. resident, active MD, retired MD) with a British Columbia address (temporary or permanent) may sign the petition.

PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023

Any questions can be directed to Mr. John Rustad: J.Rustad@leg.bc.ca

A Petition to Repeal Bill 36 – The Health Professions and Occupations Act

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, Mr. John Rustad, of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, states that:

The medical doctors of British Columbia signed below allege Bill 36 passed by the Legislature fundamentally alters the relationship between the Ministry of Health and health professions in British Columbia. They further allege that the Health Professions and Occupations Act will alter the relationship between licensees and patients. And they further allege an appropriate Act to reform the changes in this relationship must involve health profession licensees, their respective colleges, and the government in a democratic and meaningfully collaborative way. Therefore, the signed medical doctors below request that the Legislative Assembly take steps to repeal the Act.

Dated 26th day of May, 2023.

Date (D/M/Y)	First & Last Name	Address, City & Province	Signature