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Premier Legault and Minister Dubé,

Quebec's commitment to accessible healthcare is under threat.

As champions for the 1.2 million Quebecers with arthritis, we write with urgent concern about the unintended consequences of Bill 2. This legislation, while designed to improve access and efficiency, threatens to dismantle the very foundations of specialized, continuous care that people with arthritis depend on to stay mobile, employed, and independent. We encourage you to pause Bill 2 and re-engage with groups impacted by this bill.

In its current form, Bill 2 represents three serious risks:

Erosion of Care Quality

Volume-based compensation incentivizes speed over thoroughness. Effective arthritis management requires careful assessment, personalized treatment planning, and ongoing monitoring. Rushing through these critical elements of arthritis care jeopardizes outcomes and increases long-term healthcare costs.

Loss of Specialists

Quebec cannot afford to lose specialists. Each rheumatologist or orthopaedic surgeon who leaves or reduces hours under this new framework leaves hundreds of patients without care, forcing them into emergency departments and creating system-wide bottlenecks that Bill 2 aims to resolve.

Future Capacity Crisis

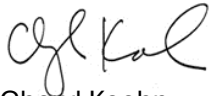
Teaching disruptions today means training slows and fewer specialists tomorrow. Quebec's aging population requires more, not fewer, specialists now and into the coming decades.

A better path forward exists. The arthritis community urges the Government of Quebec to not move forward with Bill 2 and instead implement reforms that meet both patient and system needs by:

1. Creating sustainable funding models that recognize the complexity of arthritis management
2. Develop learning health systems to measure care gaps and improve care
3. Preserving physician autonomy to deliver comprehensive, patient-centred care

This is a pivotal moment. The Government of Quebec can either move forward with flawed legislation that risks worsening care for thousands or pause Bill 2's implementation and engage with physicians, patients, and advocates to produce collaborative, sustainable solutions that protect the province's most vulnerable patients. **We stand ready to work with you.**

Yours sincerely,



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