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Dear Canadian Institutes of Health Research Review Committee,

TREASURER
Peter Brindley

I am writing this letter in my capacity as President of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), in very strong support of Dr. Jennifer Tsang's CIHR Early Career Investigator Award application to support her work entitled "Canadian Community ICU Research Program" which comprises a research component (mixed methods explanatory sequential study) and an implementation component (the formation of the Canadian Community ICU Research Network – CCIRNet).

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Dr. Tsang is a valuable member of the Canadian Critical Care Society. Generally, we see the role of the CCCS to attest to the importance of work and how we can contribute to knowledge translation. We are prepared to provide a partnership with in-kind support for the period of the proposal. This will include:

- 1) Helping the team to identify and liaise with relevant experts and knowledge users in the Canadian critical care community.
- 2) Working with the CCIRNet team to develop dissemination materials (newsletters, announcements) through our Knowledge Translation Committee and Clinical Committee, for provincial and national dissemination.
- 3) Engaging a broader group of ICUs for larger implementation and evaluation in the future.

The CCCS is dedicated to promoting research, education and patient care in Critical Care Medicine. We believe that advocacy is an important role for the Society, and we speak vigorously for Critical Care in Canada. We have an active web and social media presence. Our official journal is the Canadian Anesthesia Journal. Ultimately, we will incorporate key principles into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, continuing medical education activities and review courses for our trainees. We will work with Dr. Tsang and her team to develop resources as the CCIRNet program of research evolves by inviting their input and feedback.

In summary, we believe that this trial will ultimately have a high impact for our patients, their families, and the Canadian Critical Care community. Dr. Tsang is highly capable of leading this initiative!



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This is an outstanding CIHR Early Career Investigator Award application from an outstanding applicant.

With Kind Regards,

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