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Dear Canadian Institutes of Health Research Review Committee,

TREASURER
Peter Brindley

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Secretary of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), in very strong support of Dr. Jeanna Parsons Leigh's Planning and Dissemination Grant focused on Gender Equity in Critical Care Medicine.

PAST PRESIDENT
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Dr. Parsons Leigh has assembled an impressive team of researchers with internationally recognized expertise in gender equity research. Gender equity is of utmost importance to the CCCS. Currently, women are less likely to be in positions of leadership and prestige in medicine. Furthermore, Critical Care Medicine has some of the lowest representation on women in medical specialties in Canada. Gender inequity is a national and international issue that requires evidence be translated into action. The proposed research program will do just that, by engaging stakeholders in discussion and prioritization of improvement strategies, and eventual implementation of those strategies.

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Dr. Parsons Leigh 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 contributions of \$2,000 over 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 her 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. Parsons Leigh and her team to develop resources as her research study evolves by inviting their input and feedback.



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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. Parsons Leigh is a highly successful researcher and highly capable of leading this initiative!

This is an outstanding grant application from an outstanding research team.

With Kind Regards,

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