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2016 statement from Professor Rodney Hicks, an acknowledged world class expert on PET:

- *“Ontario has the most egregious and politically motivated agenda against PET [read our patients] in the world.”*

INTRODUCTION:

I would like to suggest that before you read the body of this letter, that you take the time to watch my ‘public video’ entitled:

- **CCO MANDATED ASSAULT ON “CAROL” THE SHORT VERSION.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvNuJWufoHk&t=1s>

I will include some of my other videos that you may then wish to follow-up with after reading the following letter.

Dear Mr. Paikin and Team

In preparation for this letter I have reviewed my past communications with those associated with what is described on your websites as:

The Agenda with Steve Paikin is TVO's flagship current affairs program - devoted to exploring the social, political, cultural and economic issues that are changing our world, at home and abroad.

My last communication with Ms. Clark, your Senior Editor, was in May. I did receive an email from Mr. Lohman in October in which he asked me to comment on the replies he'd received from the Ministry of Health regarding the issues I've raised. I pointed out that, just like every reason Dr. Hoskins has given to block Mobile PET/CT to seven Ontario communities, any relevant statements are 100% false. I have heard nothing further.

This will be my final communication with those associated with THE AGENDA. A lot has happened with election coming.

- Besides being threatened by the government and the Senior Executives of Cancer Care Ontario, the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has now threatened to start an effort to take away my license to practice medicine.

This letter will focus on a very special woman, "Carol", who I had the honour of being one her physicians as she died from her cervical cancer. Carol was a nurse who had just retired. She was fully aware of every issue related to how critical healthcare decisions, entrusted to Cancer Care Ontario [CCO] 'medical experts' are made. "Carol", just died in October from what became a nightmare of unnecessary pain and physical and emotional suffering. This was 100% because we, as her physicians, were forced to do this to her by the "Standards of Care" set by CCO and their colleagues at McMaster University School of Evidence Based Medicine. If you have seen the video, you will understand some but not all of the key 'horrors' she and her family endured. You will also be aware that:

- ***It was my efforts to prevent this from happening to "Carol" that have lead to the threats against me.***

Among other conversations I had with Carol, was the roles of "professional Journalists, news anchors, and others who present themselves as our most trusted sources of the news and facts" that have allowed this to happen to patients for more than 15 years. In particular she was aware of my discussions and 'lack of interest' from THE AGENDA Team.

One of "Carol's" most cherished wishes was that her suffering would not have been in vain. That what happened to "Carol", and happens on a daily basis to other patients, may finally come to end because of stories like hers are finally 'seeing the light of day' and motivating those who have the power to demand and bring about change in Ontario are finally prepared to be part of the solution rather than the problem

The time has come to consider whether the 'Agenda' of THE AGENDA WITH STEVE PAIKIN is:

- "exploring the social, political, cultural and economic issues that are changing our world, at home and abroad."

Or will be the archetypical example of Chomsky's "Necessary Illusions and the role of the Free Press" and be an integral part of ensuring that there will "Carol's" in Ontario well into the future.

SUMMARY:

I have told those closest to "Carol", that I would be send this final letter and video's to you, Mr. Paikin, and your 'team of experts'.

First I would ask that someone acknowledge the receipt of this letter so I can have my 'facts' correct as I redouble my efforts to make sure "Carol's nightmare" won't have been in vain, and that the 'lie that is Cancer Care Ontario" will finally see the light of day. This will have the potential to bring about a "sea change" in how healthcare is delivered in Ontario.

- "A change which has the potential to finally create a system that is demonstrably better, infinitely more humane, safer, and truly a 'patient focused' healthcare system which, if introduced properly would be cheaper to the taxpayers." (Extract from my letter to Mr. Patrick Brown, and Mr. Jeff Yurek.)

After 15 years of my failed efforts it is clear that this will only happen if those who see the possibility of an "actual open, transparent and accountable political system" in Ontario can get the 'facts out' in spite of the best efforts of those whose job it will be to create an "***alternative reality***" to shield the politicians and their 'experts' from criticism.

Secondly I would ask, Mr. Paikin, are you, or someone from the 'THE AGENDA' prepared to make a statement to "Carol's" grieving family?

There is a unique opportunity coming with the Ontario Provincial Elections. Mr. Paikin, are you prepared to be part of the process of ensuring that a major focus of political discussion and issues the politicians face publicly will be:

- How critical decisions affecting everyone's healthcare in Ontario, including you perhaps one day are made?

Or will THE AGENDA “stay the course” and continue to be part of the Liberal’s highly successful and long standing effective efforts to, discredit, delay and block PET from some of our sickest and most distressed patients.

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IMPACT OF LACK OF PET/CT FOR ONTARIO PATIENTS:

PART 1:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ws2fArloibA&t=21s>

PART 2:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyi1GdaWV28&t=50s>