

Press release

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**Seven professional orders congratulate Danielle McCann on her appointment  
and encourage her to give priority to passing Bill 29**

**Montreal, June 22, 2020** – Seven professional orders, which regulate the practice of nearly 87,000 professionals in the oral health and applied sciences sectors, congratulate Danielle McCann, Member for Sanguinet, on her appointment as Minister responsible for Higher Education and the Administration of Legislation respecting the Professions. At the same time, they offer their full cooperation in helping to quickly pass Bill 29, *An Act to amend the Professional Code and other provisions in particular in the oral health and the applied sciences sectors*. They also thank Minister Sonia LeBel, as well as her team, for her collaboration and work as Minister of Justice and Minister responsible for the Administration of Legislation respecting the Professions, and wish her continued success in her new duties as President of the Conseil du Trésor.

The orders are ready to put the final touches on Bill 29 with the new Minister, who is familiar with the professional system and, thanks to her extensive experience in the health system, understands the necessity of updating practices while at the same emphasizing interprofessional collaboration, an important facet of Bill 29.

The seven organizations point out that there is consensus on the need for rapid action along these lines. With the goal of ensuring better protection of the public, the legislative framework for these sectors needs to reflect the realities of their professional practice in the 21st century. Furthermore, whether they provide oral health care or design structures, the professionals who work in the oral health and applied sciences sectors will play a key role in the economic recovery.

It should be remembered that a great deal of effort has been made in recent years by all of the stakeholders involved. In the applied sciences sector, modernization attempts were made in previous bills that died on the Order Paper, which means that certain pieces of professional legislation have not been updated for decades. We hope that the new Minister will seize this opportunity to continue the work that has been done and move Quebec forward in key sectors for both individual well-being and collective prosperity.

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