



May 27, 2023

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship
c/o Committee Clerk
3rd Floor, 9820 – 107 Street NW
Edmonton, AB TK 1E7
Via email: RSCommittee.Admin@assembly.ab.ca

Dear Standing Committee:

RE: Review of the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

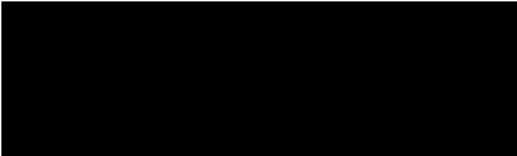
Thank you for your invitation to provide written submissions to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship for the Committee's review of PIPA under section 63.

The College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) agrees with the key issues identified by the Committee in their emerging issues document, particularly those related to the technological landscape. An additional issue we would like the Committee to consider is the possibility of harmonizing, when possible, various pieces of privacy legislation in Alberta that govern the delivery of mental health services. CAP believes that it may be confusing for the public, as well as regulated professions, to interpret the various privacy laws in Alberta. There are many healthcare providers that fall under PIPA or the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) and not the *Health Information Act* (HIA). This may become cumbersome for PIPA and/or FOIP healthcare providers to share information with HIA healthcare providers.

Finally, at a more global level, CAP believes it is also important to harmonize privacy obligations with the broader international community. This approach could clarify the requirements not only for the public, but for health practitioners as well. A plain language approach could simplify the requirements and support collaboration, specifically when it relates to health records.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback.

Sincerely,



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