Position Statement

Dear Members,

I am pleased to seek election to CLEAR’s Board of Directors. I bring a background in professional regulation that includes my current role as the Registrar and CEO of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia, a previous role as an appointed public member of the College’s council, experience working in the Law Society of British Columbia’s Innovation Sandbox to create a first-of-its-kind access to justice legal clinic, and teaching positions at the University of British Columbia and the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals.

The College of Veterinarians of British Columbia is currently facing an existential crisis that is the result of its enactment under legislation that is not fit for purpose, a troubled regulatory history, and challenging government relations. While I would not wish these challenges on any regulator, a constructive byproduct for me arising from leading the College through this crisis has been the development of a complex understanding of professional regulation and stakeholder relations including a robust appreciation of jurisdictional differences.

In addition to the intrinsic difficulties facing the College, I am also familiar with the other types of challenges with which many professional regulators around the world are grappling, such as the role of the regulator vis-à-vis innovation and modernization in professions. I will be speaking on this topic at CLEAR’s Annual Educational Conference this year. Other current topics I will be speaking on at conferences this fall include delineating regulation from advocacy, the evolving role of DEI in professional regulation, and the public harm arising from decentralized government oversight of professional regulation.

It would be my privilege to join remarkable colleagues who are advancing professional regulation around the world and to contribute to the governance of the important institution that is CLEAR. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

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