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Attention: Secretary-General Dr. Richard Brown DC, LLM, FEAC, FRCC

Dear Dr. Brown,

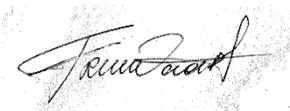
We, the undersigned, are writing today to express our collective support for the WFC Council, the WFC's EPIC Brand and the WFC's Research Council. This letter is in response to the recent criticism of the 2019 WFC | ECU Congress, calls for the disbanding of the WFC Research Council, and calls for the reprimand of several WFC researchers who presented at the recent event.

The signatories to this letter collectively support the WFC Council and the EPIC brand direction that advocates for all chiropractors around the world to 'Be EPIC' – evidence-based, people-centred, interprofessional and collaborative. Globally the profession's support for evidence-based care is essential to improve patient outcomes, provide high quality care and eliminate practices that have become obsolete or are not effective. This is expected from governments, NGOs, patients and stakeholders in healthcare. Professional discourse that is respectful is an important principle and we understand that the WFC expects this of all its members.

Whilst we acknowledge the tremendous contributions of all the members of the WFC Research Council as they continue to advance the evidence base of the profession, we must remember the responsibility that comes with speaking on our platforms. We support the substantive messages delivered by the researchers and we strongly support their academic freedom as a basic principle of scientific inquiry and analysis but acknowledge that some of the remarks made in the presentations were wholly inappropriate, warranting review. However, the punitive measures demanded by two WFC member chiropractic organizations are excessive and we are aware that comments are being misrepresented. Additionally, a great deal of misinformation is being espoused. The assertion that the WFC and the new EPIC brand in any way promotes the removal of 'neuro' from the chiropractic profession is a misinterpretation which serves only to create divisiveness within the profession globally.

We consider this to be an isolated event and our support for the WFC is unwavering,

Sincerely,



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