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Dear Michael

I am writing to resign from the General Chiropractic Council's Register of practitioners. I know that I should be writing to the Registrar but I feel that I should explain my position to you, since you Stan Harding and I were involved with this whole process many years ago and I trust your integrity and impartiality. I have, of course, copied this letter to the Registrar and to a number of colleagues and the GCC Committee.

As you know, I have been in practice for over thirty years now and have seen and experienced much of the silliness and backbiting that characterised many of those years. I suppose that experience should have warned me that human nature is unlikely to change much in my lifetime but one always hopes. For many years the medical profession sniped both overtly and covertly at chiropractors of whatever persuasion and it has been accepted, by chiropractors, that this was the nature of things - cats and dogs, as it were. The BCA/MCA spats were unnecessary and rather childish but, given the intransigent natures of many of the early chiropractors on both sides of the argument, were probably inevitable. When all groups came together to form the GCC I cherished the hope that all parties might put all that behind them and move forward, uniting the disparate strands of chiropractic thought and cherishing the diversity which has given chiropractic a hybrid strength. The events during registration began my suspicions that that hope was likely to be an unfulfilled one and recent events and the behaviour of the GCC's officers and some of its members both, in acting as *agent provocateurs* and the backdoor attempts to frighten the insurance market off 'manipulators', have made me realise that this organisation is not one I wish to be a part of any longer. I can't believe that these activities are what the membership pay their registration fees for and if they do then that merely reinforces my determination not to be a part of the whole ugly business. I have no doubt that there are any number of plausible sounding explanations for the GCC's behaviour. After all, as fellow ex-Maxwell employees, we should both be familiar with the concept plausible deniability but I do expect more from an organisation whose ultimate responsibility is healing. I am perhaps being unduly naive but if I allow myself to be forced into this mould I am no better than the small minds that pursue these negative policies and I'd rather not either support them or try to change them. I'm past the age where uphill struggles appeal.

So it is with some regret and sadness at the sight of missed opportunities that I am resigning. I do wish you and your fellow committee members every success in the regulation of chiropractic.

Yours sincerely

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