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## **Public Statement from the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS)**

In Response to the Recent Attack on a Fertility Clinic in the US

The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society is devastated by the tragic explosion at a fertility clinic in Palm Springs, California—an unspeakable act of violence that has shaken the reproductive health care community.

Fertility clinics are places of compassion, science, and hope—spaces where individuals and families pursue deeply personal dreams of creating life. An attack on such a space is not only an assault on those directly harmed, but also on the values of care, dignity, and reproductive rights and family-building.

On behalf of our members across Canada, CFAS extends its deepest condolences to the victims, their families, the clinic staff, and all those affected by this horrific event. We stand in solidarity with our colleagues and reaffirm our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all who work in and seek care from reproductive health providers.

Violence has no place in health care. We echo the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) in urging "law enforcement at every level to intensify their efforts to safeguard medical professionals and healthcare settings" and calling on "elected officials from across the political spectrum to unequivocally condemn this act of violence—and to reject any rhetoric or actions that embolden hostility against medical professionals providing lawful, ethical care."

In this time of mourning, CFAS remains unwavering in its mission to support reproductive professionals and protect the rights of patients. We will continue to advocate for safe, inclusive, and accessible fertility care for all.

Dr. Paul Chang, CFAS President

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