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Doctor
Luke Sung Kyo Kim
President
International Federation of Endodontic Associations

Dear Dr. Kyo Kim:

On behalf the Society of Endodontics of Latin America (SELA) receive our best wishes for 2019. We are sending you this letter as the current directive board of SELA, which represents all the Endodontic Societies of Latin America, to express our indignation and disavowal of the opinions and images presented in the documentary "Root Cause" directed by Dr. Frazer Bailey which has been recently posted on Netflix.

In this documentary, some physicians and dentists appear denigrating the specialty of Endodontics without valid scientific evidence. We are aware that as a free world anyone is entitled to express their opinions although programs like this are often published for commercial purposes. Consequently, it is important to raise our voice in protest for the ethical implications and false, biased, and denigrating opinions that misinform and confuse actual and future patients, considering Netflix's high audience around the world.

Unfortunately, medical sciences have few channels of massive dissemination to express and inform the truth and the scientific evidence to patients. Therefore, I am writing to you because IFEA is a worldwide leader association of our specialty and your informative media reach dental professionals all over the world. We leave to your good judgment and willingness to act in the instances that you deem convenient. SELA stands in solidarity and supports IFEA as our ally in this situation, working in an active and sovereign way in all its represented countries.

Truly yours,

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