

PETITION TO THE

- House of Commons

We, the undersigned,

- Citizens of Canada

draw the attention of the

- House of Commons

to the following:

THAT

- Clear roles and responsibilities are not defined for the Crown, police and service workers as it relates to providing information to victims and their families. This results in victims and their families struggling to follow and understand the legal proceedings of their case and delays in providing essential information regarding victims' rights and services. Also that victims and their families would have fair access to provide information at bail hearing regarding safety concerns for the victim, their families and the community.

THEREFORE, your petitioners request (or call upon) the

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To

- Consider the following changes to the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights:
 - Clear roles and responsibilities when it comes to Crowns, police and service workers around informing victims and families of their rights. This will ensure victims and their families understand their rights, have access to timely information regarding the case, court proceedings, bail hearing, parole hearings and any other proceeding or ruling relating to the case. In some provinces the Crown "should" consult with victims and their families regarding court dates, plea-bargains, compensation programs and victim services. We are requesting that this be a mandatory responsibility across Canada.
 - Like parole hearings, we are requesting that at bail hearing the victim and their families have a voice. Victims and their families would be presented with an opportunity to inform the court about any concerns they have for their safety or the safety of the community prior to a bail decision being determined. We are requesting that this be optional for victims and families for all violent offences.

Signatures

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Addresses

*(Give your full home address, or your city and
province, or province and postal code.)*

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