

HON. Gord MacIntosh
Minister of Justice

Dear Sir;

I appreciate the letter from your office letting me know that my correspondence of August/2005 was received and would be brought to your attention. However, as I stated in that letter, I didn't just want it brought to your attention, I wanted you Sir, to personally read it, all of it, so that you could get a genuine sense of the utter devastation that a death under these circumstances brings to the victims. Perhaps you did read it, if so, I hope it had the impact that was intended and I hope you will read it again along with this one even sharing it with others who might be stimulated to serve as catalysts for change. I realize that you probably think that you do understand, but I must assure you that you cannot even come close to truly understanding our situation unless you have experienced it. That is why I tried to share my family's feelings of devastation to drive home the hell that victims are put through in addition to the dreadful tragedy that took our daughter's life. It is like waking up every single day to the worst nightmare anyone could ever imagine. Just being written off as a distraught, neurotic, grieving Mother is one of the things that contributes to this hell we've been living in since this horrific event. As I tried to communicate in my first letter, I am grieving because I lost my daughter. I am distraught and neurotic because of the horrific circumstances that surrounded my daughter's sudden violent death. She was rammed from behind by a drunk driver at 7 A.M. in the morning while she waited at a red light. He was able to refuse the breathalyzer so that his impairment could never be proven. The court proceedings take years to complete and for what? He will most likely walk away with a conditional sentence. Many will feel sorry for him as he may lose his job, or will he? No one really knows for sure! Shouldn't he lose his job, a job that was supposed to protect the public? My daughter and her family have lost a lot more than a job. So I may be neurotic, but that is largely because our Justice system is not just. If proper consequences, the kind that mirror the value of an innocent life that was lost, were imposed on these impaired drivers that cause death, it would serve as a deterrent to many who might be in a position to perpetrate such crimes. Only such consequences can drive home the seriousness of driving while impaired. By the lenient sentences being imposed, these crimes that cause the deaths of innocent victims are viewed by many as just simple misdemeanors. As a result, more and more of these crimes are occurring to the point of a lawyers' firm being able to base their entire business on such cases. [see enclosed article] Is that not disgusting? Under the guise of helping innocents, such lawyers simply manipulate the system against itself to aid criminals. This perverse type of justice is the reason that I am distraught and neurotic. I truly believe that many deaths, and very likely my daughter's death, would have been prevented had our justice system imposed proper consequences in previous cases.

My perception, from speaking to different ones, indicates that people in positions of some authority, from police, to lawyers, to government officials disregard most media reports not even reading them let alone listening to them. They seem to disregard them as situations blown out of proportion or as outright lies. But, as I complained in my original letter, most information about actual cases is kept hidden from the public, the media and even the victims involved, only coming to the fore after the fact when it is too late. And it is only the media that make the public aware of any results in these cases. Granted, some reports may not be totally accurate, but that too is a result of information hidden or covered up. And, it is only through the media that people in positions of authority, like yourself can know how the public really feel about this perverted justice. There has been a great public outcry regarding the many conditional sentences imposed. And also, the only way victims have by which they can be heard is through the media. There are countless reports of victims of other crimes, especially those involving deaths, who also feel victimized further and betrayed by our justice system. Each time I hear about another of these ridiculous sentences my neurosis increases. The scales of Justice concept is totally lost. Since such reports do seem to be ignored, that is why I wrote to you, in hope of making you aware of the many victims like myself out here, suffering horribly, because "the powers that be" arrogantly continue to think they know what is best for all us neurotics. Evidence shows conditional sentences are routinely handed out in cases of impaired driving causing

death, confirmed through the media by the Chief Provincial Judge [I heard him speak] as well as by the Crown Attorney. Yet, they try to pacify victims by encouraging submission of victim's impact statements. What good will such statements do when the judges propensity is always toward these conditional sentences. Do you think he/she would care if I told them how this tragedy has consumed my life, created a void that can never be filled, ripped my family apart resulting in deep grief, bouts of depression, anger and frustration with an unjust system? Would that cause them to change their ruling? Do you think they would care if I told them how this tragedy has almost destroyed my grandchildren, who in their anguish have not been able to express grieve openly or to share their grief with loved ones to the point of redirecting their anger against those who love them and alienating themselves from their mother's family? So in effect, we have lost 4 loved ones as a result of this crime not just one. Would that cause them to stop sanctioning crimes that result in such horrors? Does the spreading neurosis caused by such horrific circumstances matter to those in authority who make the decisions that contribute to that neurosis? Do they even consider how devastatingly hurtful and grossly unfair their decisions are to victims while any concern shown is only for the criminal, to make the situation easier for that one, the one who is not the innocent party? After this non-sentence, does anyone even care how the victims are coping? No one really wants to know, because I believe they already know that victims can't be doing well under such circumstances. No one wants to deal with victims because they are sad, angry, hurting, paranoid, depressed, even unstable, emotionally and mentally. They aren't much fun so it's easier to "sweep them under the carpet." Most people prefer to ignore their pain, pretending everything is okay now, (how can such a death ever be okay?) or else treating them like lepers. Others adopt the view that says "Oh well, this happened to you, it's too bad but deal with it and move on". There is never any thought given to the idea that true justice does help victims. Many validate their own views by calling this revenge. But, only true justice can soothe victims by telling them that their dead loved ones were of some importance in this sick world and that their loved one's life was worth at least as much as the life of the person who robbed them of that one. Therefore, it's not revenge but retribution that victims need from a system that advocates justice. There is never any thought given to the idea that only victims have experienced both sides of the issue. Therefore, their perception of true justice might be better than that of those in authority who are only caught up in their own wisdom with objectivity as their "God". True justice is honest, fair and righteous. Therefore it must be felt, it can never happen through total objectivity.

As I also stated in my first letter, there is no justice. Is it justice when MPI 's no-fault insurance can circumvent any other laws like the "Fatal Accidents Act" for example? What type of Legislators in their right minds would institute such gestapo-like rulings? This is a dictatorship imposed on a so-called democracy whose subjects presumably should have some human rights. Is it justice when "fair play" is applied only to criminals while innocent victims are stripped of all rights to any action as well as any right to information surrounding their dead loved one's case? (ie. we were even denied our daughter's autopsy report). Is it justice when judges apply blanket sentences because our jails are too full? Is it justice when those who kill serve only a few months or no time at all while people are jailed for crimes involving only money like fraud, or for daring to speak out against a corrupt system (contempt)? My desperate hope was that perhaps someone in authority might care enough about these atrocities to persevere aggressively and persistently against such miscarriages of justice, even at the risk of their own personal political aspirations or before being shuffled to some other cabinet post! All we see are courts and legislators who show concern only about such things as the sexual preferences of abusers, of perverts, even of children, or the rights of drug addicts, murderers, and of pornographers. They move quickly to enact laws that give these the rights they want, but laws that might protect innocent lives, provide some victim's rights or return the balance of true justice are ignored or pushed aside. Just like with grief, the most difficult part is accepting the reality of the situation and crawling back under "the so-called carpet". The reality here is There is no Justice and little hope of finding any in a system corrupted by perverse thinking and "political correctness". Since only victims seem to perceive the true balance of justice, victims stripped of all rights and energy, who can fight for it? (MADD, hasn't even had much success). We are now a most pitiable society. 49