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## Fwd: Wrongful Death Accountability Act

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**Michael-James Pennie** <michael@michaeljamespennie.com>  
To: david.eby@bcndp.ca

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:24 PM

David,

Are you going to come out and speak about modernizing the province's wrongful death laws in advance of the election?

We're sitting at about 2000 members. and about another 90,000 contacts.

Our members wish to know so they may cast their vote accordingly.

Yes, or no?

If yes, then come on the record for a 10 minute video call.

Let me know by Monday.

Thank you kindly in advance.

Sincerely,

Michael-James Pennie

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From: **Eby,MLA, David** <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Date: Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:16 PM

Subject: RE: Wrongful Death Accountability Act

To: Michael-James Pennie <michael@michaeljamespennie.com>

Mr. Pennie,

As I have explained, as a result of the BC Provincial Election, our non-partisan office is limited to providing access and referrals between local constituents and government services.

Until the election is concluded on October 24th, the Vancouver-Point Grey office does not have a sitting MLA, so we cannot do policy advocacy.

From your member's emails, the BC Wrongful Death Law Reform Society has drafted legislation to affect aspects of the BC Family Compensation Act. I consider this to be policy advocacy.

This office can assist the BC Wrongful Death Law Reform Society after October 24<sup>th</sup>, but today, I cannot do policy advocacy on your behalf.

During an election, all candidates are available to the public to answer questions about their policy views. I invite you to engage with any campaign to better understand the views of candidates.

Thank you for understanding,

Daniel Milner

**From:** Michael-James Pennie <[michael@michaeljamespennie.com](mailto:michael@michaeljamespennie.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** Eby.MLA, David <[David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** [ali.vakil@gmail.com](mailto:ali.vakil@gmail.com); [contact@intheirname.ca](mailto:contact@intheirname.ca); [mia@intheirname.ca](mailto:mia@intheirname.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Death Accountability Act

Hi Daniel,

I have written the constituency office and the AG office. The AG office has advised that David is aware of my (and many of our member's) requests to openly discuss the issue of wrongful death modernization while on the campaign.

Is it that we have to route the request through a campaign email for Elections BC policy reasons?

Or, is it that David does not wish to discuss openly this issue in advance of the election?

Our membership wishes to know as soon as possible so they may cast an informed vote this election.

Thanks in advance and sincerely,

Michael-James Pennie

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**Michael-James Pennie**

President - BC Wrongful Death Law Reform Society

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On Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 11:21 AM Eby.MLA, David <[David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

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Thank you very much for writing to our office. Your civic activism is important in creating better government at all levels.

Unfortunately, because the BC Provincial election has been called, our office is limited to providing access and referrals between local constituents and government services.

Until the October 24 election is concluded, the Vancouver-Point Grey office does not have a sitting MLA, so we cannot do policy advocacy at this time.

Thank you for understanding,

Daniel Milner

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**From:** [postmaster@mail.intheirname.ca](mailto:postmaster@mail.intheirname.ca) <[postmaster@mail.intheirname.ca](mailto:postmaster@mail.intheirname.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 10:40 PM  
**To:** Eby.MLA, David <[David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Wrongful Death Accountability Act

Dear MLA,

In our province, only the families of deceased breadwinners see the inside of a courtroom in cases of wrongful death.

BC's current Family Compensation Act only takes into account the direct financial losses resulting from death. Children, seniors and people with disabilities, who may not represent a financial loss that is immediately measurable, are classes of people whose lives are not valued or respected when they are killed in BC.

This is a human rights issue.

Investigations into the wrongful death of a child, an elderly person, or someone with a disability most often do not occur because there is no 'loss of earnings' to cover trial costs.

Unlike other provinces in Canada, many of your constituents are considered "worthless" under the discriminatory law in our province.

The BC Wrongful Death Law Reform Society has drafted legislation that can solve this problem now.

What will you do to create a fair and adequate wrongful death law in BC?

Yours Truly,

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