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RE: WRONGFUL DEATH LAW REFORM IN CANADA

My name is Beatrice Pereira and I sincerely hope you make the time to take a look at the sadness that myself, my family (and other families that have come together) have encountered regarding dealing with a wrongful death. I know you are busy and have a lot of other issues to deal with but if you only take some time to hear even just ONE of our stories, I'm positive you would understand why the time has come to introduce new legislation and assure accountability in cases where *gross* negligence is obvious.

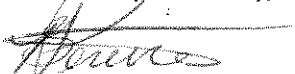
My mother, Theresa Pereira worked for the Provincial Government for over 22 years and had a zest for life like no other – she was a very religious and charismatic person, with a truly memorable smile! She just loved people and always looked for the good in each one . . . so . . . in her name and HONOUR, I have been trying desperately to ensure that other families are spared from what we had to go through. My father, Ozzie Pereira, died just 2 short weeks after her and though we (her 3 children) weren't dependents (as we were all over 18) we completely fell apart. Since their deaths, we've had to sell our family house and life as we knew it changed, forever! It took me a long time to be able to even speak to anyone about my mother's story without crying – that's how gut-wrenching this journey has been.

It saddens me that the rest of the world views Canada has a humanitarian, peace-loving nation that would do anything to protect their own and yet this weed has been taking over our own back yard and no one wants to tend to it. My dear mama used to always tell us that everything in life happens for a reason . . . and today, I strongly believe (and that's what has kept me going so far) that going forward, saving just one family from this kind of trauma will give her senseless death some merit.

I urge you to please bring in new legislation that will help put victims and their families first . . . because, as it stands now, I know tooooo many families still grieving yeeeeeears later, because they are looking for closure.

I thank you in advance for your time and continue to pray for your assistance.

Yours very sincerely,



Beatrice Pereira