PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED TO SUPPORT BILL C-478, The Respecting Families of Murdered and Brutalized Persons Act

We, undersigned citizens of Canada, are concerned about the parole eligibility period for murderers who have brutalized their victims and draw the attention of the House of Commons in the Parliament Assembled to the following:

When a murderer is convicted for abduction, sexual assault and murder of a person, the convicted individual is eligible for parole after serving only 25 years, even though they are generally never granted parole. The victim's families still have the traumatic experience of attending these unnecessary parole hearings every two years and relive the horror all over again.

Private Member's Bill C-478 will empower the courts at the time of sentencing with the ability to set the parole ineligibility period for up to 40 years for those convicted of abducting, sexually assaulting and murdering their victim. In Bill C-478, the number of years one could be ineligible for parole is not a mandatory minimum, but is based on the discretion of the presiding judge and/or jury, who can set a parole ineligibility period anywhere from 25 to 40 years.

Therefore, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled to adopt legislation (such as Bill C-478 presented in the 41st Parliament) to enable our courts to have the power to create an ineligibility period of between 25 and 40 years for those convicted of abducting, sexually assaulting and murdering their victim.

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