



INVITATION: PRESS CONFERENCE

Bill C-71 - Victims' Families Ask:

“How much longer do we have to wait for real change?”

Ottawa, November 30, 2017 – On Monday, December 3rd, on the eve of the 29th anniversary of the tragedy at the **École Polytechnique**, twelve years after the shooting at **Dawson College**, 22 months after the **Quebec Mosque** massacre and following a summer of shootings including those in **Danforth** and **Fredericton**, victims of gun violence will gather once again on **Parliament Hill** to remind politicians of the urgent need to pass stricter gun control laws.

Representatives or members of the families of victims, a survivor as well as a student representative (**most of whom were in Ottawa exactly a year ago**) will be present in **Room 130-S** to comment on the pace of the legislative process regarding **Bill C-71**, which has been sitting in the **Senate** since September **without advancing to Second Reading** as of this date. They will also share their high expectations regarding amendments to strengthen the bill by unelected senators who, unlike elected MPs, should not be swayed by members of the gun lobby defending their own interests, no matter how loud or organized.

<< **Date:** **Monday December 3rd 2018, 10:00 am**
Location: **130-S, Center Block, House of Commons** >>

Will be present:

- **Serge St-Arneault**, brother of Annie St-Arneault (Polytechnique)
- **Sylvie Haviernick**, sister of Maud Haviernick (Polytechnique)
- **Boufeldja Benabdallah**, president of the Quebec Mosque and representative of the families
- **Meaghan Hennegan**, survivor (Dawson)
- **Manuel Klassen**, President, Polytechnique Student Association
- **Heidi Rathjen**, graduate of Polytechnique, coordinator of Poly Remembers / PolySeSouvient
- (*Michel LeRoux**, father of police officer *Thierry LeRoux (1989-2016)* * to be confirmed)

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