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# Poilievre Will Restore Consecutive Sentences For Mass Murderers

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*Poilievre will restore consecutive sentences for the worst mass murderers, and will use the Notwithstanding Clause to pass this legislation.*

**Montreal, QC** – Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre announced today that a new Conservative government will put justice first—For a Change—by giving judges back the power to sentence multiple murderers to consecutive prison sentences without parole eligibility beyond 25 years.

“For the worst mass murderers, a life sentence should mean what it says: a sentence for life,” Poilievre said. “These monsters should face the full consequences of their actions. Every life matters, and a killer who takes multiple lives should be held to account for each one. There should be no discounts for multiple murders.”

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The Supreme Court's decision resulted in the sentences of some of Canada's most notorious killers being reduced, giving them a chance to walk free early. Alexandre Bissonnette, who shot and killed six people in an act of vile hatred in a Quebec mosque in 2017, had been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 40 years. But after the Supreme Court's decision, Bissonnette is now eligible for release 15 years sooner.

Justin Bourque was convicted for his horrific shooting spree that killed three RCMP officers and injured two others in Moncton in 2014. The judge in his case deemed his crimes worthy of consecutive sentences with no eligibility for parole for 75 years. But after the Supreme Court's decision, his parole eligibility was also reduced to just 25 years, which will give him the opportunity to walk free just in time for his 50th birthday.

The Supreme Court's opinion was shockingly out of touch with the sentences the Canadian public expects for the worst killers. The Court actually wrote that Bissonnette not being eligible for parole for 40 years would "bring the administration of justice into disrepute and undermine public confidence in the rationality and fairness of the criminal justice system."

"A new Conservative government will use its constitutional powers under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to bring justice back to the criminal justice system and end discounts for multiple murders," Poilievre said.

Despite having three years to act, the Liberals have failed to do right by the victims in these cases or offer any solution to bring justice for the families devastated by these killers. Canadians can't afford a