

Subject: Petition in Support of Proposed Bill “Fair Reporting & Justice Act”

To whom it may concern,

**WE DEMAND “THE FAIR REPORTING & JUSTICE ACT” BE IMPLEMENTED!**

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the unimaginable and preventable defamation that a law enforcement agency, Edmonton Police services and news agencies such as City TV, CTV, and Global news created on October 4, 2022 when Rossemarie Castro Rosales was arrested for minor offences and ended up being defamed and labeled as a lesbian sexual predator when it announced she may have sexually assaulted someone based on the hunch of police officer Alexander Doduk and the Edmonton city police. Rossemarie has been harassed, ridiculed, and her right to the presumption of innocence was stripped away the minute these unverified statements were made. Police agencies should be accountable and held to the highest standards when creating publications and disseminating information about a persons private matters. Rossemarie was never charged with any sex crimes. No persons ever came forward with such allegations because they were made from an unfounded belief with no evidence by a member of the Edmonton city police.

We, the undersigned individuals, hereby express our strong support for the proposed legislative bill, the “Fair reporting & Justice act”. We firmly believe that this legislation will play a pivotal role in addressing the issues of accuracy, accountability, and fairness in law enforcement and news media reporting within the province of Alberta and Canada as a nation.

The proposed legislative bill, the “Fair reporting & Justice act” aims to ensure that law enforcement agencies and news media outlets report accurately verified statements about individuals within the Canadian criminal justice system. We firmly believe that this legislation will:

- **Promote Accuracy:** By establishing clear guidelines and regulations, the bill will encourage law enforcement agencies and news media to prioritize accurate reporting, verifiable information, ensuring that statements are

verified and factual before dissemination. It will avoid tax payers costs of unnecessary costs related to defamation and libel lawsuits for the same.

- **Foster Privacy:** By ensuring that the presumption of innocence is upheld in the court of law and that one's private matters remain as such and to limit defamation or mistrials of Canadians before the criminal Justice system.
- **Foster Accountability:** The bill will hold law enforcement agencies and news media outlets accountable for their reporting practices, reducing the spread of false or misleading information that can harm the reputations and rights of individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
- **Safeguard Fairness:** By promoting responsible reporting, the bill will contribute to a more equitable and just society by reducing the potential biases and sensationalism that can adversely impact the public perception of individuals accused within the criminal justice system. This will also prevent the injuries of mental health an accused faces being ridiculed in the media.
- **Introduction of consideration:** By promoting factual information is released about accused persons, we hereby introduce a process by which law enforcement agencies and news media can issue statements regarding violent and accused criminals and to follow certain strict considerations and guidelines; that will not harm or deteriorate the public's faith in these agencies. The guidelines we introduce will ensure police and news services have proper education and procedures in place to carefully disseminate information not yet proven before the courts and limit the court of public opinions.

We respectfully request that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Attorney General of Canada immediately make legislative changes to:

1. The Criminal or Civil Codes of Canada provisions regarding the publication of active administrative or criminal investigations; or charges being laid upon a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada. By requiring mandatory fact checking and privacy of one's personal information, steps are implemented for consideration of an accused's right to the presumption of innocence, and considerations made prior to any dissemination of details by law enforcement, the news, and media in regards to the publication of the details in an accused offenders case,

2. The Criminal or Civil Codes of Canada provisions regarding the publication of active administrative or criminal investigations; or charges being laid upon a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada. When using the guise of publication for seeking potential victims of accused persons. By requiring mandatory fact checking procedures and guidelines and in consideration for one's right to privacy of one's personal information, steps are implemented for consideration of an accused's right to the presumption of innocence prior to any dissemination of details by law enforcement, the news, and media in regards to the publication for the purposes of "seeking victims".
3. Additional fact checking steps to be taken for any other individuals who are designated to be at any risk to reoffend and or any violent accused offenders whom are released on bail or recognizances;
4. Convicted or repeat offenders shall be exempt from any of the fact checking procedures proposed on this bill as we agree that the general public could be made aware that an offender is living in their locale by local police authorities, or is being released in the media, & news agencies.

We firmly believe that the passage of this bill will strengthen trust in our law enforcement agencies, promote informed public discourse, and protect the rights and reputations of individuals involved in the Canadian criminal justice system.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, urge you to support and champion the proposed legislative bill, the "Fair reporting & Justice act". We kindly request that you use your position and influence to ensure that this vital legislation is given due consideration and is brought forth for a vote in the appropriate legislative body. Therefore it is the wish of Rossemarie Castro Rosales (She/Her) that Parliament proceed with urgency to make the changes requested and that Parliament honour Rossemarie and her right to the presumption of innocence and commemorate the tragic, life changing defamation that has affected her and her family (the Milne's) by declaring these changes under **the "Fair reporting & Justice act"**.

To signify our support for the proposed legislative bill, the "Fair reporting & Justice act", we have attached a list of signatures from individuals who share our concerns and stand united in advocating for accurate, accountable, and fair reporting in Alberta and Canada.

## Sign this petition

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By signing, you accept and agree to receive occasional emails about this campaigns. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We believe that by working together, we can create a more just and transparent society.

Sincerely,

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Printed Name: