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### **The AFPAD supports the bill proposing to amend the Criminal Code (drug-impaired drivers)**

Montreal, October 3, 2016 – The Association of Families of Persons Assassinated or Disappeared supports the proposed legislation that would amend the Criminal Code (drug-impaired drivers) to permit the police to use tests that would allow for efficient drug detection in impaired drivers during roadside checks.

“Taking another person’s life while driving impaired, whether under the influence of alcohol or drugs, is equivalent to involuntary homicide in our opinion and therefore proper sentencing most follow; killing with a weapon or impaired-driving leads unfortunately to the same tragedy. Our families are marked with a life sentence and it is time for our judicial system to possess tools that are adequate, innovative and effective for detecting drugs in wrongful drivers. We must make sure drivers at risk are taken off the road before they kill innocent people and shatter many lives. These devices will serve as preventive tools for police officers all while sending the message of zero tolerance towards drug consumption while driving.” states Nancy Roy, General Manager of AFPAD.

#### **About the AFPAD**

The AFPAD is a non-profit organization whose main mission is to overcome the isolation experienced by the families of the victims, to develop links of solidarity between them and make it easier for them to reach the necessary resources so they can access the information and the tools they need to rebuild their life.

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