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THE AFPAD DEMANDS CHANGES IN THE FEDERAL BILL C-46 REGARDING IMPAIRED DRIVING

Laval, March 1, 2018 – The AFPAD supports victims of impaired drivers that will bear witness this morning at 11:30 before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Standing Committee to demand changes of important flaws in the Bill C-46, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts .

Markita Kaulius and Sheri Arseneault of the *Families For Justice* organisation will speak out regarding an amendment relative to appropriate sentencing when an impaired driver leads to a death. We support their efforts.

“Taking another person’s life while driving impaired is equal to involuntary homicide. Proportional penalties to the committed crime should follow; killing with a weapon or due to impaired driving unfortunately leads to the same tragic end. There must be a range of sanctions in order to show a clear message to offenders. Otherwise, it’s like we are sending the message that the loss of life is no more punishable than a general violation of \$1000, as is the case at the moment. Our families are dealing with a life sentence and it is time for our judicial system to make repeated offenders proportionally accountable to the impacts committed.” states Nancy Roy, General Manager of AFPAD.

ABOUT THE AFPAD

Since its foundation in 2005, the Association of Families of Persons Assassinated or Disappeared (AFPAD) represents hundreds of families in Quebec and pursues its mission to develop new services and tools for its members in order to overcome isolation and develop bonds of solidarity.

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