



# PETITION

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## **Petition to the Government of Canada:**

**We the undersigned citizens of Canada acknowledge that the current impaired driving laws are too lenient. In the interest of public safety we as Citizens of Canada want to see tougher laws and the implementation of new mandatory minimum sentencing for those persons convicted of impaired driving causing death. We also want the Criminal Code of Canada to be changed to redefine the offence of impaired driving causing death as Vehicular Manslaughter.**

**I having read and agreed with the accompanying information sheet do agree to sign this Petition.**

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**(Right now in Canada there is a maximum sentence of life imprisonment which no one ever gets. There needs to be minimum mandatory sentences).**

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## **Suggested Amendments**

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### **Vehicular Manslaughter:**

(3) Everyone who commits an offence under paragraph 253 (1) (a) or 235 (1) (b) and causes the death of another person as a result is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for life.

(3.1) repealed.

### **Minimum Sentence:**

(3.3) Every one who is liable to the punishment described in any of subsections (2) to (3.2) is also liable to the following minimum punishment:

(a) for an offence under subsections (2) to (2.2), to minimum punishment of a term of two years.

(b) For an offence under subsection (3) to (3.2), to minimum punishment of a term of five years.

### **Previous convictions:**

(4.1) A person who is convicted of an offence under subsections 255 (2) to 255 (3) is, for the purposes of this Act, deemed to be convicted for a second or subsequent offence, as the case may be, if they have previously been convicted of

(a) an offence committed under section 253 or subsection 254 (5);

(b) an offence under subsections (2) to (3); or

(c) an offence under section 250, 251, 252, 253, 259, or 260 or subsection 258 (4) of this Act as this Act read immediately before the date subsection 4.1 was originally added to this Act.

### **Please Return this Petition to:**

**Families For Justice**

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