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Mr. Diotte,

We are writing on behalf of Teamsters Canada and Teamsters Local Union 362 in support of Bill C-243, *An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (parole review)*.

The Teamsters represent approximately 2,500 armoured car guards across Canada. Every day, these workers move cash safely through our economy, servicing banks, ATMs, and businesses of all sizes. They perform essential work. They are also targets for violent criminals.

On June 15, 2012, three armoured car guards and members of our union were murdered at the University of Alberta HUB Mall. Their names were Brian Ilesic, Edgardo "Eddie" Rejano, and Michelle Shegelski. A fourth guard, Matthew Schuman, survived with devastating, life-altering brain injuries.

They were shot from behind. The murderer stole a bag of cash and fled before being arrested the next day. He later received a life sentence.

Under the current system, once the murderer becomes eligible for parole, the victims' families and the surviving victim will be forced to relive the worst day of their lives again and again through repeated parole applications.

The approach of that milestone has also created apprehension among our membership. For some, it reopens grief and trauma; for others, it adds another layer of anxiety to an already high-risk job. Our members should not have to carry that burden year after year as the price of earning a living.

We believe Bill C-243 addresses this ongoing harm in a targeted, reasonable way. It does not eliminate parole or remove the Parole Board's ability to assess risk. Instead, it would ensure that, once the Parole Board denies parole to a murderer, future reviews occur on the statutory 5-year schedule, rather than being driven by a murderer's repeated applications.

Bill C-243 is a measure of basic human decency and should not be considered a partisan issue. Accountability for the most serious crimes must include consideration for the long-term impacts on victims and the workers who face these risks every day.

On behalf of the Teamsters, thank you for bringing this bill forward.

Yours sincerely,

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