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Conservative MP Stephanie Kusie pushes for study of Not Criminally Responsible cases on behalf of Brentwood Five victims and their families

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CALGARY, AB – This morning, MP Stephanie Kusie and her Conservative colleagues (John Barlow, Tom Kmiec, Greg McLean, and Jag Sahota) were joined by the families of the “Brentwood Five”, as she shared her intent to bring forward a motion in the House of Commons to study provincial review boards and their decisions surrounding individuals found Not Criminally Responsible.

After having met with the grieving families of Calgary’s biggest massacre, Kusie felt compelled to take action.

Today, she shared the details of a Parliamentary motion that urges the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights to study Provincial Review Boards’ decisions around individuals found Not Criminally Responsible:

That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights undertake a study of no fewer than four (4) meetings to examine decisions from provincial Review Boards related to individuals found Not Criminally Responsible, and to:

- 1. Determine whether the Review Boards are properly ensuring that public safety is the paramount consideration with respect to decisions regarding the supervised or unsupervised release of violent individuals that have committed murder and have been deemed to be Not Criminally Responsible; and*
- 2. Determine whether or not provincial Review Boards are properly designating high risk accused individuals as high risk; and that the Committee report its findings to the House.*

Kusie and her colleagues also stressed the point that important studies such as this could already be underway had the Prime Minister recalled Parliament and treated it like the essential service that it is:

“The victims’ families, as well as the Canadian public, deserve the assurance that those individuals found not criminally responsible and released into society, will not pose a substantial risk to public safety. We are again calling for the full return of Parliament in a safe and responsible way that respects public health guidelines so that issues like this one are not forgotten about.”

Though the motion will not be made until the fall due to the Prime Minister’s decision to shutter Parliament, Kusie feels it will be a positive step towards justice for the victims and their families.

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