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Liberal election promise to introduce tougher gun control

Victims' Families Ask: What more will it take?

Ottawa, November 30, 2017 – Less than a week before the 28th anniversary of the tragedy at the **École Polytechnique**, eleven years after the slaughter at **Dawson College**, ten months after the massacre at the **Quebec Mosque** and two years after the **Liberal Party** came to power, the families of the victims gathered on **Parliament Hill** to ask the **Trudeau government** to provide a precise timetable for the tabling of a gun control bill and to offer reassurance that a serious efforts will be made to correct the flaws in Canada' gun control law, most of which were inflicted by the previous government.

Representatives of the families of these tragedies, including, for the first time, representatives of the **Quebec Mosque** and the survivors and families of the six victims that died there on January 29th, were present in **Room 130-S** to make themselves heard. Also present: **Michel LeRoux**, father of police officer **Thierry LeRoux** who was shot with the same weapons that he was told by his superiors to return to his killer, despite the latter's known suicidal behavior. The representatives talked about the human costs of weak laws, including flaws related to possession permits, gun sales and the availability of assault weapons — which include most of the models used in recent mass shootings south of the border.

<< **Date: Thursday November 30th 2017, 9h00 am**
Place: 130-S, Center Block, House of Commons >>

Were present:

- **Nizar Ghali**, survivor of the tragedy at the Quebec Mosque
- **Neji Gadab**: Social Affairs Director of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec and representative of the victims' families
- **Boufeldja Benabdallah**, vice-president of the ICCQ / CCIQ
- **Michel LeRoux**, father of police officer Thierry LeRoux (1989-2016)
- **Serge St-Arneault**, brother of Annie St-Arneault (Polytechnique)
- **Louise Hevey**, mother of Anastasia de Sousa (Dawson)
- **Meaghan Hennigan**, survivor (Dawson) and her mother **Kathlene Dixon**
- **Alex Latulipe-Loiselle**, VP-External, Polytechnique Student Association
- **Heidi Rathjen**, graduate of Polytechnique, coordinator of Poly Remembers / PolySeSouvient

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