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Dear Sir;

This is a followup to our letter of Sept 14/07 requesting some action from your office to intercept a complete travesty of justice that is proceeding in the courts. Mr. Slough has been quoted as stating that this independent lawyer was chosen as prosecutor to avoid any perception of conflict of interest since the defendant was a police officer. So similarly, even a perception of conflict on the part of Mr. Minuk should warrant an immediate investigation and his removal, replacing him with someone who would fulfill a prosecutor's mandate. Mr. Slough also stated that his department supports Mr. Minuk's handling of the Harvey-Zenk case. That truly is a travesty. He excused this decision by stating they had only four appointees from which they could choose. Certainly, out of those four they should have been able to find one that hasn't routinely defended police officers and doesn't work hand in glove with the defendant's lawyer Mr. Wolson. It was announced from the outset that Mr. Wolson was defending Mr. Harvey-Zenk. By defending this decision it makes it clear that your government doesn't care about justice being carried out. All they seem to care about is the public's perception. I can most truly assure you the perception spawned by the way in which Mr. Minuk has handled this case is anything but Justice.

Your attempts to overcome this perception by a public show of lobbying the Federal Government to get tough on crime is ironic since everyone knows your Counterparts in Ottawa have consistently stymied any attempts made to institute tougher laws. I wrote to your predecessor Mr. McIntosh twice, well over 2 years ago, urging him to try and do something about the law that allows drunk drivers, especially those who have just killed someone, to be so readily able to refuse the breathalyzer and cripple the case against them. I was very distressed about that at the time because it was well known that Mr. Harvey-Zenk who killed our daughter had done exactly that. I didn't even receive the courtesy of a reply from Mr. McIntosh which appears to be par for the course with most politicians. Now, Mr. Minuk's mishandling of this case has made it impossible for even the idea of any intoxication on Mr. Harvey-Zenk's part to be considered in his case. Also aside from the breathalyzer, Mr. Minuk has tried everything within his power, even blatantly refusing to provide evidence to the court, to insure that this criminal gets away with his crime. And he is doing so with the blessing of your government. Any who attended those hearings agree. Just as every one is fully aware that a person who is not impaired wouldn't refuse a breathalyzer, so Mr. Minuk's actions or inactions speak volumes about his conflict of interest, his bias, or his incompetence. Whatever the case may be, he should be investigated immediately. As I said in my previous letter, there is nothing sacred about a case put forward against all the rules proper conduct and justice. After the fact is too late to benefit the victims or the public. Only the criminals benefit from your inaction.