Court File No. 98-CV-141369 CP00

***ONTARIO***
**SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

DIANNA LOUISE PARSONS, MICHAEL HERBERT CRUICKSHANKS, DAVID TULL,
MARTIN HENRY GRIFFEN, ANNA KARDISH, ELSIE KOTYK, Executrix of the Estate of Harry Kotyk,
deceased and ELSIE KOTYK, personally

Plaintiffs

and

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO and
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

Defendants

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN,
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA,
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES,
THE GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Intervenors

**Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992***

Court File No. 98-CV-146405

BETWEEN:

JAMES KREPPNER, BARRY ISAAC, NORMAN LANDRY, as Executor of the Estate of the late
SERGE LANDRY, PETER FELSING, DONALD MILLIGAN, ALLAN GRUHLKE, JIM LOVE and
PAULINE FOURNIER as Executrix of the Estate of the late PIERRE FOURNIER

Plaintiffs

and

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA and
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO

Defendants

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
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**Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992***

This is the 1st Affidavit
of Shelley Woodrich in this case
and was made on 15/Oct/2015

No. C965349
Vancouver Registry

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between:

**Anita Endean, as representative plaintiff**

Plaintiff

and:

**The Canadian Red Cross Society**
**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of**
**British Columbia, and The Attorney General of Canada**

Defendants

and:

**Prince George Regional Hospital, Dr. William Galliford,**
**Dr. Robert Hart Dykes, Dr. Peter Houghton, Dr. John Doe,**
**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, and**
**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia**

Third Parties

Proceeding under the Class Proceedings Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 50

**CANADA**
**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**
**DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL**

**NO : 500-06-000016-960**

**SUPERIOR COURT**
**Class action**

**DOMINIQUE HONHON**

Plaintiff

-vs-

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA**
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF QUÉBEC**
**THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Defendants

-and-

**MICHEL SAVONITTO, in the capacity of the Joint Committee member for the province of Québec**

**PETITIONER**

-and-

**FONDS D'AIDE AUX RECOURS COLLECTIFS**

-and-

**LE CURATEUR PUBLIC DU QUÉBEC**

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**CANADA**
**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**
**DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL**

**NO : 500-06-000068-987**

**SUPERIOR COURT**
**Class action**

**DAVID PAGE**

Plaintiff

-vs-

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA**
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF QUÉBEC**
**THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Defendants

-and-

**FONDS D'AIDE AUX RECOURS COLLECTIFS**

-and-

**LE CURATEUR PUBLIC DU QUÉBEC**

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# AFFIDAVIT OF SHELLEY WOODRICH
## (affirmed October 16, 2015)

I, SHELLEY WOODRICH, of the City of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario, legal assistant, AFFIRM:

1. I am employed at Sutts, Strosberg LLP as a file administrator. I am the person at our office with the primary responsibility for the day to day handling of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C class action settlement file. I have personal knowledge of the facts to which I depose in this affidavit, except where I state them to be on information and belief, and where so stated I believe them to be true.

2. I am informed by Heather Rumble Peterson that the Joint Committee sought input from class members and family class members to assist them in identifying issues to be considered when making recommendations to the Courts on allocation of actuarially unallocated money and assets to benefit class members and family class members, based on their experiences living with the Hepatitis C virus ("HCV") and with family members who are infected with HCV. In this regard, Sutts, Strosberg LLP received written and oral communications from class members and family class members.

### WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

3. Since August 2015, I have been involved in the receiving, reviewing, and recording of class member and family class member written submissions (by mail,

facsimile and email) on the motions to allocate actuarially unallocated money and assets as well as other written communications.

4. Subject to the qualifiers I describe at paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 below, up until the close of business on October 15, 2015, Sutts Strosberg LLP received 134 written submissions from class members and family class members. Some of these submissions were written on behalf of several named family class members.

5. Attached as **exhibit "A"** are the written submissions Sutts, Strosberg LLP received from class members and family class members concerning allocation up to and including October 15, 2015, subject to the qualifiers I've set out at paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 below. These submissions are generally appended in chronological date order except where more than one submission was received from one person in which case the submissions from that person have been grouped together and treated as a single submission.

6. The submissions attached at exhibit "A" do not include communications received by Sutts, Strosberg LLP that were purely administrative (eg: change of address). Nor do they include communications received from a number of people who wrote with questions pertaining to their own claims and/or benefits where they do not also provide information, commentary or suggestions that the Joint Committee can use to inform the recommendations it makes to the Courts on benefits for class members and family class members.

7. To the extent possible, exhibit "A" also excludes those submissions that I have identified as having been received by the Joint Committee in British Columbia and Quebec from class members and family class members in those jurisdictions and additional submissions received by Sutts Strosberg LLP in French that were forwarded to the office of Mr. Savonitto for consideration and inclusion in his office's affidavit.

8. Some submissions received by Sutts, Strosberg LLP were also addressed to Ms. Podrebarac. I have also conferred with Julie Davis at Ms. Podrebarac's office and reviewed submissions they received and circulated to me in an attempt to exclude duplication in the Ontario actions between our offices. I expect that some duplication will nonetheless occur between submissions attached to my affidavit and those attached by Alan Melamud from Ms. Podrebarac's office.

9. The submissions appended at exhibit "A" have been redacted to remove names, postal addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and photos where applicable to protect the privacy of the class members and family class members.

10. Sutts, Strosberg LLP also received two letters from organizations whose membership includes class members. I am advised by Ms. Peterson that those letters are included in Mr. Melamud's affidavit and as such have not been included here.

11. Ms. Peterson has advised me that she attempted to acknowledge all written communications received at Sutts, Strosberg LLP and advise class members and family class members when and where the motion materials would be available for them to review.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

12. A number of persons have also contacted Sutts, Strosberg LLP by telephone with purely administrative changes and/or questions about their own files and benefits. While these contacts have been recorded, no attempt has been made to compile them for this affidavit.

13. Deborah Tocco, a file administrator at our office, and/or Ms. Peterson have spoken to many such individuals to assist with their individual questions. Ms. Tocco and Ms. Peterson have advised me that they answered questions to the extent they were able, provided updated contact information to the Administrator for some of these callers, advised others to contact the Administrator to clarify their entitlements, facilitated contact with the Administration for others, and advised class members and family class members when and where the motion materials would be available for them to review.

## CONSULTATION SESSIONS

14. I am advised by Ms. Peterson that Mr. Melamud of Ms. Podrebarac's office has reported on the Toronto consultation session and webcast she co-hosted with Ms. Podrebarac in his affidavit sworn in support of this motion.

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| AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of Windsor, in the County of Essex, this 16th day of October, 2015. | ) ) ) ) ) ) | |
| Commissioner for taking affidavits | | SHELLEY WOODRICH |

THE ATTACHED IS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF SHELLEY WOODRICH AFFIRMED BEFORE ME THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015

COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS

**From:** [redacted]
**ent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 7:46 PM
**o:** Hepatitis C class action
**Subject:** On behalf of my father [redacted] - DOB - Dec. 12, [redacted]
[redacted]

Good evening Mr. Strosberg,

I am in receipt of your letter regarding consultations with the Joint Committee in the implementation of the 1986- 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement. Sincere thanks for allowing us the opportunity to provide feedback. This speaks volumes about your care and concern for those affected and impacted by the tainted blood scandal and all those who today continue to feel the impact of contracting Hepatitis C.

My father was one of the class action lawsuit claimants through your office back in 88. He did receive a part of the settlement and for this we are thankful. My father has had years of medical conditions as a result of the Hepatitis C infection. Today he is 88 years old – thank God he is still will us – but now as a result of the Hepatitis C infection and years of carrying this infection he is now battling Liver Cancer. As you know there is a direct correlation between the Hepatitis C infection (Liver) and the possibility of contracting Cancer.

We are now battling another illness.

It is my opinion that these innocent people are rightfully deserved some of the surplus settlement. Their lives have never been the same. My dad has never been healthy – constantly in and out of hospitals – one issue after another and now battling Liver Cancer at this age. It is incredibly challenging for someone his age to now have to fight to beat this illness.

If we are asked for our opinion, my family believes that they are rightfully owed funds for pain and suffering all of these years since the original settlement. It is our hope that you continue the fight you began on their behalf. We are extremely thankful for your tenacity and work in the original lawsuit and would hope that you continue to advocate for their rights yet again this time around.

I would be pleased to complete any necessary paperwork or have a discussion by telephone with you in this regard to answer any further questions that you may have.

I question why did the Government hold back such a large sum of money in this class action lawsuit. It seems that once again the patients and those suffering from this have perhaps been overlooked while millions of dollars in surplus have been sitting in a bank somewhere collecting interest.

I would welcome your feedback and response.

Sincere thanks again for all you have done on behalf of these claimants. Your work is honorable and we are most grateful.

Sincerely

[redacted]

"We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is in everyone, and as we let our own light shine, we give other people permission to do the same". Nelson Mandela

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**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:39 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C class action
**Subject:** Re Surplus

Attn JOINT COMMITTEE,

My opinion is that the surplus be used to extend the benefits past the age of 65 since many people do not retire at 65.

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Mr. H. Strosberg, Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLP
600 – 251 Goyeau St.
Windsor, ON
N9A 6V4

Dear Sir:

Subject: Hepatitis C. Settlement
Surplus

I am in receipt of correspondence requesting input from Class Members and Family Class Members on the Hepatitis C settlement surplus.

Please accept this submission on behalf of my mother, who is in a long term care facility and for whom I am Power of Attorney for personal care and finances. Additionally, I have discussed this matter with my youngest child [redacted] who resides in Alberta and has requested that I convey his thoughts to the Committee.

Simply put it is the opinion of myself and son [redacted] that the surplus be divided between the members of the settlement or their estate at a rate to which the initial payout was made. This means that those infected, their spouse, children, grandchildren or the estate of these people would receive a portion of the surplus at the percentage of how they were originally compensated.

It seems to me that the surplus should be used to directly compensate those affected by this tragedy. My mother's payouts under her chosen option ended years ago. At that time they were helpful in improving her quality of life and giving her a bit more peace of mind for her financial situation. Any additional payout to her would help maintain or improve her current care level within the long term care facility.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:09 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Submission to joint Committee

I would like to see the surplus or at lest part of it used to support my brothers widow for the rest of her life.So I think the widows of people like my brother should be looked after for the rest of their lives.They are the ones hurt the most.

[redacted]

**R. Gary McLister**, **B.A., LL.B.**
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**Harvey Strosberg Q.C.**
**Sutts Strosberg**
**Barristers & Solicitors**
**600 – 251 Goyeau St.,**
**Wiondsor, Ontario.**
**N9A 6V4**

**Dear Sir/Madam:**

**RE:** [redacted]
**RE: HepC Settlement Agreement (1986 -1990)**

The writer represents [redacted] a HepC sufferer and member of the class. The form letter regarding the surplus in the fund was sent to this writer and I contacted [redacted] As he did not receive it directly, I expect the Joint Committee does not have his current address. It is:

[redacted]

[redacted] would welcome receipt of additional monies. He still lives with the HepC effects, now at the age of 70 years. My client does not know, and I cannot tell from the correspondence, what specifically you are referring to when the letter refers to "areas of settlement that you feel fall short and how you think the surplus should be used." Additionally, this writer does not know what interest the federal government has in the fund.

[redacted] believes the surplus ought to be distributed to the class members, the HepC sufferers like himself. By now the class ought to be fixed. The fund has accumulated for 25 years. It ought to be helping the HepC sufferers that the fund was set up to help. My client's position is that any surplus ought to be distributed equally among members of the class. Distribution of the surplus to surviving class members and their families of deceased class members can only assist them. He always felt there ought to be a pension or annuity program.

In any event your advice is requested. Kindly provide an explanation as to what issues, areas of settlement, the form letter is addressing. The writer believes more detailed information would give context. [redacted] reserves the right to reconsider and make further submission if the information requested below changes his view. We await your response.

**Yours truly,**

**R. Gary McLister**

RGM

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:26 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** hep c input surplus

My husband contacted hep c through a blood transfusion in 1989 . He was forced to live with hep C the rest of his life . I think the surplus should be divided between the people affected by hep c and their surviving family members . For everything he and his family went through.

My husband is [redacted], date of birth July 10, 1920 ., past away Jan 2003 .

Thank You for taking the time to ask for everyone's input.

[redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 11:20 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** HEPC Input - Northern Ireland

Dear Mr Strosberg,

I represent two of what I presume are "family class" members whom your firm have recently written to in [redacted] concerning the HEPC Class action. I have been appointed because of the death of the previous lead contact. As a result I am not as well informed regarding the subject matter but do have an outline of it all from when you were in prior contact.

My family's involvement is through my uncle [redacted] who emigrated from Portadown to Edmonton, Alberta in the late 50's. You had previously been dealing with my eldest surviving uncle [redacted] of [redacted], [redacted] He passed away in April 2011 and is survived by his daughter [redacted] his wife [redacted] and son [redacted] having predeceased him. His obituary can be found here.

My mother is the youngest and only surviving member of the [redacted] sibship: she is [redacted] of [redacted] (please note that the address you currently hold for her requires a correction on the word [redacted]"). You will know from your records that she was previously married to [redacted] who passed away in September 1965. I am the third son of that union.

I realise that you may require a more in depth scrutiny of my identity but am in the position to provide whatever you may need, not only though my own efforts but also those of my mother and cousin. In the interim I can only ask questions and trust you will provide the answers to both parties, in addition to (I presume) the other three cousins currently resident in the UK whose parents are deceased. That is, the children of [redacted] and [redacted] (née [redacted]). Should you find you have difficulties I am happy to act as intermediary until such times as you have direct contact with them.

I am given to understand that the matter at hand is that my Uncle [redacted] was given contaminated blood which led to his premature death; that he was one of an unspecified number of diabetics in Canada who were affected this way. Your law firm took a class action on behalf of my uncle's union and were successful in your prosecution of the guilty party. This led to the establishment of a fund which provided compensation to those who were affected and survived and to the relatives of those who didn't.

Upon examination of the Phase 2 Sufficiency Schedule document which you have provided to both my mother and cousin it would appear there are surplus funds which you, as trustees, wish to disseminate and you are seeking suggestions from survivors and relatives as to how this should take place. Therefore let it be known that the two people I represent feel they are too distant from the effects of the tragedy to become involved or make suggestions as to the dispersal of funds. They are beneficiaries only because of [redacted] death but as he hadn't returned to his homelands for forty (plus) years the impact was somewhat reduced, especially given that only my mother now remembers him in person.

Therefore there is no input from those members of the extended [redacted] family whom I represent. We would however appreciate you acknowledging the changed circumstances particularly as my mother is now in her 83rd year, suffering from age-related illness and my cousin [redacted] has suffered ill health to the point where she is having difficulty conducting her own affairs.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 4:53 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hepatitis C Settlement Surplus

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am one of the Family Class members who recently received a letter regarding the surplus in the 1986 to 1990 Hep C Settlement trust fund. I wanted to let you know that my mother, who is also a Family Class member, did not receive this letter. She moved since receiving the initial settlement amount a number of years ago, and I am wondering if that is why she did not get the letter in the mail. Here is her current contact information:

[redacted]

Her previous address was [redacted]

If you have any questions or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would also like to add that I feel the surplus should be divided in its entirety and allocated to both the Class and Family class members.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 2:54 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hep C Jan1/86 to July 1/90 The Late [redacted]

My name is [redacted] and I am the widow of the late [redacted]

I am in receipt of the most recent notification letter concerning a surplus of funds held in trust for those surivors of the tainted Hep C blood transfusions as governed and distributed by The Canadian Red Cross.

It has been 18 long, lonely years since my [redacted] died. How I do miss my husband and this letter has only refreshed my memories of what was and my hopes for what could have been.

The irony of this sad situation is that my beloved husband survived the enemies and the horrid conditions he fought in during WWII, only to be felled by an enemy no one could ever have imagined was coming on our home soil and that was the lack of integrety and due diligence by the Canadian Red Cross.

This should never have happened and all the money in the world can not compensate us survivors of this gross case of misconduct! Hep C detection tests were long in use before this tragedy happened which makes this situation even more intolerable.

In my opinion, and as a long suffering survivor of this tragic situation, I feel that the surplus of funds should be distributed equally amongst all of the immediate survivors who have lost their family members due to the tainted blood. If these people desire to use the funds to set up grants in their deceased loved one's name, or use it to assist in their daily lives, it is THEIR decision.

Further , the notice says the funds may be held in a trust fund, but my question is for whom is this trust fund being set up for? Again, it is those survivors living now who should be given the surplus funds as we are the ones who have suffered the most damage. I thank you for your attention herein. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me by return e-mail. If you wish to submit my comments to the court, you may do so with my permission.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

Spouse of the Late [redacted]

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**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:09 PM
**o:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** RE: Attendance of August 26th Hamilton Meeting

First and foremost, they should be considering dispersing the overages to class action members themselves? Let's not forget, that an initial award given to HIV infection class action members, was revoked from class action members who agreed to receive the Hep C class action award. I feel that this "reneged" reward should be reimbursed to every individual who it was revoked from. After all, they were two individual and separate claims with two individual and separate rewards for two very different and separate diseases. Just because they were tragically inflicted upon the same unfortunate individuals by the same offenders, doesn't mean that the awards should be considered one in the same. I often equate it to someone walking down the sidewalk when suddenly, a drunk driver comes along in their car, jumps the sidewalk, hitting the pedestrian and injuring them causing them to be paralyzed for life. A court of law orders the drunken driver to award the now paralyzed person compensation for their error. Imagine if a year later, the same unfortunate individual is travelling down the same sidewalk, only this time in a wheelchair, when along comes the same drunk driver, driving a different car, jumps the sidewalk and crashes into the person in the wheelchair. This time, unfortunately taking their life. How unbelievable it would be if the beneficiaries we're told they had to give back the initial award for the previous injustice before being awarded a settlement for injury causing death. The two instances were different requiring two different charges and two different awards. Unfortunately, the Hep C class action judgement, forced anyone making a claim to pay back the award for the initiall HIV claim that 'paralyzed' the individual upon the first impact. Apperently, the award was given for the initial impact and had to be paid back from any HepC compensation since the individual had now been killed by the same person in a different car! What sense does that make?!

In any case, the excess funds should be divided amongst all eligible class action members with compensation payment weighted more heavily towards claimants where the infected individual is now deceased as a result of infection. It would then be the chosen right of each class action member individual to determine what they choose to di individually with their portion of the disbursement.

Thank you.

[redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:30 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Attendance of August 26th Hamilton Meeting

Please note that I WILL BE attending the August 26th HepC Meeting in Hamilton.

Thank you.

[redacted]

**C:** [redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 9:31 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Surplus Funds / Hepatitis C

I just received you letter on the Hepatitis C Settlement, in which you have asked for input on the surplus of funds. I would like to suggest to the Joint Committee, that a 75% portion of the trust fund should be passed along to the surviving, direct family members.
Thanks for the opportunity to give my input.
[redacted]

Sent from Windows Mail

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**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:12 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Re: Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

**Yes it was intended for [redacted] and his sibling was [redacted] his case # 15727**
**Keep us informed of the up coming events regardind this Hepatitis C Settlement**

**Thank You**

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Hepatitis C Class Action
Subject: Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

I am writing this on behalf of his sibling [redacted] (He is not a computer person) [redacted] only had 1 sibling and that was [redacted].

I received the letter the other day about the Joint Committee wanting to hear from Class Members or Family Class Members.
My brother-in-law [redacted] passed away Feb 26 1993.
He was only 50 and died way to young because of the Hepatitis C infection. I think the money should be disturbed amongst the Class Members and Family Class Members.
[redacted] suffered a great deal with this and was hospitalized many times. We still miss him very much. His claim #is 15727 Please keep me informed of what is going on with this. I in turn will be keeping an eye on the consultation sessions on the computer

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Mr. Harvey Strosberg
600-251 Goyeau Street
Windsor, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Stroyberg,

A few days ago I received a Private letter from Ottawa. At first I was wondering what to do with it. But after reading it what they wanted to do I decided to forward my opinion as well.

Some years ago I found out that I had Hepatitis C (May-2003). I received a blood transfusion in January of 1988. So as you can see I have been walking around with this bad blood for 15 years without knowing it. Throughout these years I suffered various problems. Even today after my operation my problems are not over yet. So with this in mind I am sure I am not the only one that has been suffering various problems through these years.

If I take every thing into account what I when through it would be nice if whatever ever is left should be **equally be divided** among every body that put in an application and was able to proof that he or she had in fact Hepatitis C. And I assume the money also should be **equally be divided** for how long they have been suffering. Common sense should also tell us that those who received Hepatitis C 20 years ago should receive more than those that received it only 5 years ago. I also assume that you also will take all the people into **consideration that have died as well**. Sincerely yours.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

August 10/15

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
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Windsor, Ontario, N9A6V4

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SUTTS, STROSBERG LLP

Dear Sir :-

Re:- 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Surplus
- Joint Committee Members

I, as a recipient of compensation due to Infection by Hepatitis C, and also due to tainted blood, am putting forth some ideas re what to do with the surplus.

Hep. C altered the lives of all of us infected, going under treatments, and changes in our lives in many ways.

I was fortunate enough to survive Hep C, treatment and the damage to my liver, but many did not, leaving family to cope.

I will not die from Hep C as I now have multiple myeloma, and receiving chemotherapy for life.

I am not sure of what compensatio Others are receiving, however, if my wife survives me, will she continue to receive yearly payments for loss of services in the home? or under a different reason.

Having asked that, my suggestions re what to recommend to the judge re surplus are:-

1. Regardless of end of life causes of compensation recipient(s), the spouse/children may continue to receive his/her compensation yearly, as long as he/she lives? or lives independantly?
2. All or most of the surplus could be put toward bursaries for children/families of victims of hep. C.
3. Children in need for any reason, (of Hep.C. victims/recipients of compens. e.g. illness, addictions etc. or as result of hep.C.
4. Keep most or all surplus in the trust fund as once it is gone from the fund, it is gone.

Yours Truly

[redacted]

[redacted]

AUGUST 10th 2015

MR. HARVEY STROSBERG Q.C.

SUBJECT: HEPATITIS C.

I AM IN RECEIPT OF LETTER REGARDING HEPATITIS C FROM: PO BOX 2370
STATION D
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, K1P 5W5
RECEIVED AUGUST 1, 2015.

I RECEIVED APPROX. 8-10 PINTS OF BLOOD NOV 27 1986 AT THE DARTMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL NOVA SCOTIA.

ACCORDING TO MY DOCTOR RICHARD FELDERHOF (RETIRED) NEW GLASGOW IN 1998, 2 PINTS PROVED TO BE POSITIVE

THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY DR. PELTEKIAN, LIVER CLINIC, VICTORIA BLDG HALIFAX NS FAX # 473-2894.

MY PRESENT DOCTOR PETER LEE HAS ME SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETE BLOOD WORK YEARLY (DUE LATTER PART OF AUGUST, 2015)

WITH RESULTS FORWARDED TO:
DR PELTEKIAN - LIVER CLINIC, HALIFAX.
FAX # 473-2894.

I HAVE ATTEMPTED OVER THE YEARS TO SEEK PROVINCIAL COMPENSATION, HOWEVER, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

I INFORMED THE N.S. GOVERNMENT, THAT, I BELIEVE "ONLY 3 PROVINCES HAVE COMPENSATED SUBJECT "HEP. C" RECIPIENTS."

QUEBEC ONTARIO BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THEIR REPLY, IT APPEARED, THAT THE N.S. GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF COMPENSATION AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING CARE OF THIS MATTER.

IT HAS TAKEN A TREMENDOUS STRAIN ON ME AND MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY, WHEN I CANNOT KISS MY GRANDCHILDREN.

I AM ALWAYS ON GUARD WATCHING FOR ANY SORT OF BLEEDING. (SHAVING, NORMAL CUTS)

I INFORM LAB. TEC. AT THE BLOOD CLINIC TO BE CAREFUL, AND, I SEE OSTOMY NURSE MONTHLY WHO IS AWARE OF MY "HEP. C".

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT ON MY BEHALF FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY.

YOURS TRULY

[redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:45 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** #2142 - Hep C Settlement

Hello,
If you receive this email and it identifies me in any way other than my claimant number please delete, also please delete the previous email that I had sent, as it has my name on it.

I have given the surplus a lot of thought, and the questions that you have given back to me have made my decision harder to make. First of all I thought it should be divided up equally, as it would be very complicated to divide as there are so many factors that could be given consideration.

I have no idea how many class members there are, and I also had no idea that there is a level of disease where the virus isn't even in the blood! So I think the surplus should be given to the class members, with the amounts being divided amongst the different levels of the disease, with the highest levels receiving the most. Having said that, please keep in mind that these people are already being looked after, and the level 3 and level 4 disease levels should also be entitled to the surplus.

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:47 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Re: 1986-1990 Hep C Settlement

Hi,
So sorry about not understanding about the surplus, I do have a few additional comments.
You must confirm that these emails will be kept confidential, and my name will not come up in any public hearings. This is very important to me. If you are unable to keep these confidential, please disregard the first email and this one as well. This is something that I have kept from my family and friends, and the only other person that knows is my husband.

The question that you came back with is a hard one to answer. If its decided that the surplus payments would be divided, based on different factors, I think it would become very complicated and hard to distribute. For example, there is a new drug out now to treat the disease, Harvoni, so many of us are on the drug right now. If taken properly, there is a very good cure rate. But what about if the individual isn't responsible to take the prescribed dosage every day? Or decides to quit the therapy half way through? Would it be fair to pay that individual and not pay the ones that have taken the drug responsibly? Would it be fair to pay the ones that haven't had a good lifestyle, maybe alcohol or drug related, and there disease worsens? There are so many different scenarios on why I think that it would be very hard to divide according to different factors. That is why I think the surplus should be divided equally among the class members.

To the best of my understanding the class members will still receive what they are entitled to according to their disease level, and will still be taken care of. But the surplus is something that should be distributed equally, as we have all suffered from this disease. To try and figure out a way to pay the surplus to the class members based on different factors, in my opinion would take years to figure out.

Sent from Windows Mail

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:01 PM
**To:** Harvey T. Strosberg Q.C.
**Subject:** 1986-1990 Hep C Settlement

Hello,
In regards to the email that was sent to the class members, I would like to share my thoughts on the surplus of funds that has been announced.
I feel that the surplus should be shared amongst the class members, and the Settlement be closed. Its 25 years old now, and I think its time to share the funds that are remaining and end the settlement. I understand that there could be costs in the future, that would be up to each individual to allow for some of the funds paid out to cover the costs.
I think we all have been through a lot over the past years, if not physically, then definitely mentally, as this has always been a difficult thing to live with for a number of reasons. There may be circumstances where illness may occur in the future and this virus would potentially limit the treatment or drugs that would be required. For these types of circumstances the settlement would not be responsible. For some of us that haven't been healthy, it might give us a chance to retire a little sooner or live a better quality of life. Otherwise how long will the money be kept? Long enough so that no one who has gone through this will be around to benefit from it?

I don't mean to sound greedy or selfish, I am just trying to be honest on how I feel the surplus should be handled.

Best Regards,
[redacted] #2142

Sent from Windows Mail

**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**ˉˆent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:02 PM
**o:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement

This Letter is to confirm how Id like my surplus should be used.
My name is [redacted] and Ive contracted Hep.C through a blood transfusion when I was 14 years old during my first open heart surgery. Since then Ive been doing well until I reached the age of 22 that is when I actually found out I had Hep.C I was in the hospital for 3 months getting tests done that is when they told me I had Hep.C. I've gotten compensation a few times I was told I'm at a level 4 they gave me a liver biopsy but I was not compensated for it. Since then my liver has been bothering me alot my kidneys as well I cannot get pain killers because of my blood thinners. But to answer your question about how id like the settlement to paid my opinion is that id like to paid in one lump sum. I will be the one to make the arrangements for trust funds myself because I need funds at the moment and I also provide payments to my kids mothers every month. I also need a home as of right now I have no home and I am almost bank ruped so this money would be spent very well also I will be setting up accounts for my family members as well.
I thank you for taking the time to read my letter Yours Truely [redacted]

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Aug 12th, 2015-08-12

Mr. Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLP
600 – 251 Goyeau Street
Windsor, Ont. N9A6V4 Email :hepc@strosbergco.ca

I am writing concerning the letters we received regarding the - 1986 – 1990 Hepatitis C. Settlement. We received 5 letters, 2 to [redacted] 1 to [redacted] and 1 to [redacted] – both names are my wife – [redacted] and 1 letter to the Estate of [redacted] our son address to [redacted]
We had 2 sons who died from H.I.V. and Hepatitis C. [redacted] (single) died in 1992 and [redacted] in 1997. (18 years ago today) He was married to [redacted] I believe we have met back in the late 1980's – 1996 as you were working for us on the Family Class Action at that time.
We did not realize that there was a continuing Trust Fund set up. It is also hard to believe that there is a surplus of about $240 million. We agree with the Joint Committee to the Courts that the surplus should be allocated in favour of the Class Members and the Family Class Members providing that a portion of the surplus be left in the Trust Fund.
The question I have to ask, are we involved in the Estate of [redacted] or just [redacted]? Did [redacted] wife [redacted] also receive notification of the Hepatitis C surplus or is this private?

You can email us a [redacted] or phone us at [redacted] if you can answer the above concerns or if you want any more information.

Please reply if you receive this email

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely yours – [redacted]

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August 12, 2015.

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I am a Family Class Member of the 1986–1990 Hepatitis C Class Action settlement. I was the spouse of the late [redacted] and the executor of his estate, since Hepatitis C materially contributed to his death, I, the Personal Representative and Family Member/Dependant, received the compensation for his death. I am presently receiving the loss of services for his death.

I firmly believe that any money that is deemed surplus should be allocated to the family members with the spouse receiving the most. The spouse should either get a lump sum or loss of services until he or she dies.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

[redacted]

August 12, 2015

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
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SUTTS, STROSBERG LLP

RE: Surplus funds in Trust Fund – [redacted] 1000691

Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I went on treatment so I may better my liver enzymes to have a longer life. It took me over 3 years to get on my feet after treatment concluded in Jan 2002. Yes, I was compensated at Level 3 and my expenses covered, It will be 29 years since I received the blood transfusions infecting me with Hep C in September at the birth of my son.

I really feel that the compensation fell short when I ended treatment, I was not able to go back to work for 10 months. Compensation should have continued until my return to work.
My family ( and I had young kids at the time) supported me mentally and physically for the 3 years as I recovered, they watched me go through major depression, various health issues and stress of rebuilding myself. To this day, symptoms occur that can only be concluded as a side effect to the Rebetron treatment.

If the surplus is granted and is to be distributed to Class members and family, I would like it to be considered that more funds be granted to the lower levels 1, 2 and 3 compensation recipients. Hep C will not be cured 100% and I took the opportunity to take the Rebetron treatment and its side effects and I have to identify the fact that I am a carrier of Hep C at any medical appointment, surgery, etc., it will always live with me. The decisions made at the time to purchase this blood should not be taken for granted and the infected members should be compensated to the fullest amount possible.

I am attaching a letter that I sent to the Board in Oct 2002 and again in 2003 for review.
Thanking you for your time and support in this matter. Good Luck at the hearing.

[redacted]

[redacted]

January 29, 2003

Claim #1000691

Dear Sir:

I submitted a letter in October 2002 regarding review for infected persons of Hep-C. As mentioned in my letter (copy attached), the side effects I was left with after going on Rebetron treatment, I was asking if there would be any compensation for this.

I was hoping for some confirmation that yes my letter was received, will it be reviewed, or is there no answer to this inquiry.

I am anxiously waiting for a reply.

Thank you,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Claim # 1000691

I am writing in regards to my being a Hep-C infected patient from a Blood Transfusion received September 23, 1986.

I have completed a 12 month treatment program of combination drug Rebetron (Jan 2001-January 2002). This medication has left me with many side effects.

1) I finished the treatment on January 4, 2002. I had worked during the 12 months of treatment. After completing treatment, I become very stressed out, tired and suffered major depression and could no longer work. The last day I worked was January 16, 2002. I returned to work on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 after many months of counseling and rest to rebuild my health.

2) My blood work showed changes in my thyroid. I saw a specialist in September 2001, he concluded with the Rebetron treatment it was affecting the thyroid and to wait until after treatment was completed, if any changes would occur. My thyroid count has constantly changed and after 10 months, the counts are still increasing which means I now have to go on medication for my hyper-active thyroid.

I went on treatment so I may better my liver enzymes to have a longer life. I cannot believe that there is no continued compensation to infected persons who are willing to go through such a terrible treatment and be left with more medical conditions after the concluding coverage for while on treatment compensation.

I truly feel it is important that the Compensation Board of Hep C review this treatment, its side effects and compensate the infected persons during the recovery period and for continued financial compensation for the side effects left, that need to be medically cared for the reminder of life.

I thank you for your assistance and I hope that this may be reviewed as soon as possible.

[redacted]

August 12 2015

Dear Mr. Strosberg

As a Family Class Member re: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement; I received in the mail information regarding a surplus in the Trust fund. I was instructed to submit a reply to the Joint Committee member in my area with my input on this matter. I totally agree with the Joint Committee that the surplus be allocated in favour of Class Members and Family Class Members.

Since I do not have an E-Mail address; any information or correspondence to me will have to be done by mail or telephone and very much appreciated

Yours Truly

[redacted]

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To: Harvey Strosberg

Sutts Strosberg LLP

600-251 Goyeau St.,

Windsor, ON N9A 6V4

Re: Trust Fund Surplus.

Please be advised that I would like all of the Trust Fund Surplus be allocated in favor of Class Members and Family Class Members as opposed to keeping it in the Trust Fund.

What is the value of creating another level of beaurocracy to deplete benefits which all Class Members, regardless of their financial situation are entitled to.

The psychological and physical damage caused by this dilemma should be compensated as long as possible, and in some way the Surplus would help by using these funds to ease our predicament.

Thank for looking into this matter for all of us.

[redacted]

08/12/2015

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.:

I am writing to request an extension to the Hep 'C' deadline. I appologize for being late in submitting my application. I was late because I didn't understand the application and I didn't have a Doctor for many years, until in 2010, when I finally got a Doctor and then was introduced to my Hep 'C' nurse (Beth McLelland) Even though I was late, Beth helped me to fill out the application and then I submitted it.

Hep 'C' has affected ~~my~~ me quite drastically. I've been unable to work for the last five years and I have undergone two lengthy treatments so far. Both were unable to rid this virus from my system. These treatments have negatively affected my sight, skin, digestion etc. →

In these five years, I look like I've aged at least ten years

I am presently undergoing my third treatment (Harvoni), and I'm hopeful that this time it will be Third times the charm and not Third time and I'm out!

Sincerely

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:33 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** submission joint committe members

Aug.12/15

[redacted]

Dear Joint Committee Members:

On behalf of my brother [redacted] March 15 1953-March 20 2011 who passed away far to soon as a result of blood he received from the Canadian red cross. [redacted] always felt the trust fund that was being withheld should have been given to the unfortunate people like himself that had to live with as he called it a time bomb.. My brother went from livng a gainful healthy life, to living on disability, and dying a terrible death.

I will not be attending any of the upcoming consultation sessions, although if my thoughts were to be any kind of help to the unfortunate people living Hep, c I would suggest the trust fund be given to the victims and their families , was that not the original intent of this surplus???????

Thank-you

[redacted]

[redacted]

To: The Hep C 86-90 Joint Committee

Re: Input on Allocation of Surplus Funds

August 13, 2015

Many thanks for asking class members for our input on the proposed allocation of the surplus of funds relating to areas of the settlement that fall short for us.

I appreciate this opportunity to share some of my story, so the human side of Hep C has a voice and a face. In 2001, at age 52 I suddenly lost 40 lbs. in a short three-month time period and was so ill and weak, that I could no longer even walk up a flight of stairs.

Finally, I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C, as it turned out, from a blood transfusion I had received in 1986. In so many ways, my life was about to change.

I'd been self-employed for many years before this and yet here I was barely able to make it through a day and most days unable to even leave my house. I certainly couldn't work, as I was too weak and malnourished. I was a single mother and had my daughter and elderly mother to be concerned about as well. Things appeared bleak, however, on the suggestion of my doctor, I applied for the Loss of Income supplement through the Hep C 1986-90 settlement and set out to find ways to improve my health.

I truly believe it is because of the Loss of Income supplement I've received, that I have been able to regain my health to the level it is now. It offered security as I navigated through unknown health territory. It has taken over a decade plus, however, I am now living my life by contributing to others through my writing and by sharing my life experiences.

My liver specialist has been incredibly supportive and recently gave me a very big compliment when he said, "I don't have any patients like you, [redacted] You are very disciplined about your health". He was exceedingly pleased with how well I continue to do despite the dire prognosis I had been given almost 14 years before.

Because I am now 65, my Loss of Income supplement has come to an end, and a very meager loss of services supplement is the only thing available in its place. As well as I am doing, I still have days of extreme tiredness and fatigue, and of course I still suffer from the illness, as Hep C remains with me for life. Although I feel fortunate to be doing as well as I am, I am still dependent on the Loss of Income supplement that has now been cut off and do not know how I will support myself without it.

This dramatic decrease in my yearly support, is already taking its toll on my health. The stress of not knowing how I will support myself and my health in the long term, has me lying awake at night unable to sleep.

Although I understand and acknowledge that the settlement agreement was created when mandatory retirement at age 65 was law, this is no longer the case, and it is not uncommon in the greater population of the world, that more often than not, people work long past the age of 65. Mostly out of necessity. This is just the nature of the world we live in today.

I am writing this not only on my behalf, but also for all other claimants who may be in a similar position that I find myself, cut off from the financial foundation and support at an age and time in our lives when we need it more than ever!

My request for the Joint Committee is to consider allocating surplus funds for essential long-term Loss of Income support past the age of 65, for life, for myself, and all of us who are considered success stories and are still here, despite the odds stacked against us.

Many thanks for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:41 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Class action member

Hello,

My name is [redacted] and I am writing for my input of the class action lawsuit for the hep C class action. In 1987 I was infected when my mother was pregnant with me and had a blood transfusion with the tainted blood. I have lived with this illness my entire life and it has caused on and off depression. I am finally now cured and think that 100% of this surplus money should come to us, the class action members as we are the ones 100% having this effect our lives for someone else's mistakes.

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Aug 14-2015

To Whome It May Concern,

After recieving your letter 7-31-15 re Late claim filing.

I am sending my first file #1000 853 along with this Letter

Sons and daughters should not have to wait this length of time for their benefit unexeptable This has gone on far to long.

Pay out the money for late files and close this chapter of something terrible that has happen to my brother [redacted] who died Nov 9-2009 so we all can move on.

Thank you in advance

[redacted]

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November 11, 2013

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Class Action Counsel for Ontario
Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLP
Hep-c@strosbergco.com
Fax: 866-316-5308

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Dear Mr. Strosberg:

I am the sister of [redacted] who contracted Hepatitis C, through a blood transfusion. [redacted] has since passed away, but his wife, [redacted] did submit a claim for compensation, Claim Number 1000853. [redacted] came to me on April 12, 2012 to inform me that I would be able to submit a claim as a family member. [redacted] had also learned of this claim late but has since been compensated. At the time [redacted] had suffered from encephalitis and was very sick from this. I feel that this maybe contributed to the fact that her claim was late, and because of this family members were late in being told of the fact that they could submit a claim for compensation.

Once I was notified, April 12/12, that we were entitled to make a claim I contacted the claims centre in Ottawa immediately, which they then sent out a form for me to fill out and submit back to them, which was sent back to Ottawa, on April 18, 2012, to The 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Claims Centre, P.O. Box 2370, Station D, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5W5.

I was very close to my brother [redacted] and feel that I should be compensated as well. I trust that this will answer the reason why I should be entitled to a late claim and compensation.

Sincerely

[redacted]

Aug 15, 2015
HARVEX Strosberg Q.C.
Re: 1986 - 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

Re: [redacted]

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S, STROSBERG LLP

In response to your request for a reply as to the Joint Committee's application to the Courts for the use of the surplus in the trust fund.

We the family of [redacted] would like to see the surplus divided EQUALY and distributed to the Class Members and Family Class members or record. My father retired early due to poor health which changed Income status and retirement plans. Had Toronto General Hospital notify my father in a timely fashion of the "tainted blood" he received his healthcare treatment plan would have taken a very different path. Perhaps his last years of life would have been less painful and less riddled with endless hospital visits, tests, and procedures. We feel the original payment was not sufficient compensation to my mother.

yours Truly

[redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 11:52 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Hepatitis C input for [redacted]

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLP
600-251 Goyeau Street
Windsor Ontario N9A 6V4

2015 08 17

Dear Sir,

This submission is a response to the request for input re Hepatitis C and its impact upon our family.

Hepatitis C destroyed our family.

My brother, [redacted] contracted Hepatitis C and died a slow, confusing and terrifying death! He was unable to advocate for himself due to the overwhelming nature of his situation and this itself was a major element of his deterioration.

He owned and operated a family business established by his grandfather in 1937 and nurtured by his father during his lifetime. When it fell to him to operate this business he did so with pride and enthusiasm. Due to the onslaught of Hepatitis C and his ever diminishing physical and emotional state the business suffered and eventually had to be closed. That final admission of defeat preceded his death!

Hepatitis C not only led to his death it also impacted his family on a daily basis. Addressing his medical needs became the focus of his immediate and extended family. There were constant and overwhelming duties that had to be addressed - supporting his financial needs, assisting with all household needs and duties, providing transportation, providing emotional support. His mother in her eighties was totally engaged everyday with his care. She took him into her home to provide for him as she suffered from health issues herself. Due in large part to the stress placed upon her she also died while providing care for him in her home. Immediately after her death, literally within hours, we assumed responsibility for providing 24 hour care for him. This was overwhelmingly difficult for him as he was a very proud person and felt great humiliation with requiring this assistance. It was also very very difficult for us as we live 75 km away and spent the last few years of his life constantly on the road to serve his needs.

As an awful aside to this terrible situation and while my brother was undergoing this nightmare he was aware of the death of his cousin also as a result of Hepatitis C .

This snapshot herein provided represents a rather cold assessment in a very few words of a situation that no family should ever have to experience!

Emotional, physical and financial ruin.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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**Sonya Robinson**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 1:48 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Hepatitis C 1996

Hello Mr Strosberg
The request for my input concerning the 1986 - 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement has come to me here in Switzerland.

In my opinion, after 30 years, a moratorium is in order. When the search for all the victims has been completed, all the surplus must be distributed to Family Class Members only (with the understanding that Class Members are not directly affected by this tragedy) putting an end to this Class Action that brings up the pain of loss over and over.

Thank you for requesting my opinion
I miss my dad along with the people he helped all his life

[redacted]

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Dear Marvey/Hep C Aug 17/2015

My name is [redacted] I am a member of the class action with Hep C.
I'm writting in regardes to the letter I recieved in regardes to the surplus of funds
This is my opinion and story.
My husband [redacted] (Hemophiliac A)
died at the age of 36 in 1991. We had a daughter [redacted] she was 2½ when he passed.
He never got the chance to see her grow up
first day of school, birthdays, christmases
good-night hugs and kisses, etc etc.
And [redacted] missed out of having her father. We were just beginning to spend our lives together and had been for years before his death. But we have lost such a wonderful loving caring person with a heart of gold. Still after all these years I love and miss him everyday.
And now we have a grandson almost 2 years old, who is also a Hemophiliac (A)
And I know how much [redacted] would have loved to be around him and watch him grow
But [redacted] never got that chance. This country and government took all that away from us. It breaks my heart everyday.
No amount of money will ever replace him. I would choose him over money anyday.
But as members we fought so hard for so long for this money. This money

does not belong to Hep C. This money
belongs to the victims and thier families
. This is what we fought for. Why should
it be kept.
The surplus should be divided and
given out in one lump sum. And be
done with it.
It's not thier money to keep it belongs
to all those families that lost lovd ones
who fought for it and deserve it.

Thank You

[redacted]

[redacted]

**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 4:02 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** follow up

Hello,

I have taken much needed time to absorb last Wednesday's Joint Committee session in Vancouver.
It was very informative and satisfying to be a part of the proceedings as I have not before had an opportunity to share my Impact Statement or lend my experience to the table, as of yet. It was good to be in the room!

This is something I am passionate about, as I feel the Joint Committee and the entire proceedings have not yet considered the impact and stress on the family unit, being infected with this virus incurs!

I liken it to an projectile explosive device hurled into the middle of the family unit, and it goes off! BOOM!
In spite of my best efforts as a devoted single parent, ( it was a miracle I had children at all) I couldn't keep us together when my health fell apart. The stresses over 17 years as the virus got more aggressive, a failed treatment, and my little family just couldn't remain intact! Then the damn sprouted a leak this past winter, I almost bled out from varice rupture and I became septic with infected ascities...I was in liver failure and was assessed for transplantation! My kids couldn't take it!
My eldest found the first boy that came along and married him! I haven't seen or heard from her since her wedding May 1, 2015! My youngest latched herself onto another family and doesn't communicate with me anymore. Her mental health so fragile, she has 3 counselling sessions a week! From what I hear, my eldest also has developed agoraphobia on top of her anxiety disorder and depression! She can't even leave her own apartment as a 24 year old adult!

This virus has cost me EVERYTHING! I am ill, at the end of life, isolated, don't have a relationship with my own kids because they can no longer look death in the face, even if it is their own Mother's face! Their mental health has SUFFERED and is still suffering to the point my youngest when approached to consider writing her own impact statement, she ended up in mental health crisis! My oldest didn't even respond via email when asked to do the same.

WE REQUIRE WRAP AROUND SERVICES BEFORE ONE OF MY DAUGHTERS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AGAIN!!!!
WE REQUIRE SERVICES I AM TOO FRAGILE TO FIGHT FOR AT THIS JUNCTURE!

Having to endure PTSD medical triggers and the demise of my little family is THE biggest challenge of my life, the deepest soul pain, soul hurt, LOSS I have ever had to endure in this life!
This is a deeper soul hurt than the loss of the cornerstone to my foundation, my own Mother, 23 years ago!
The loss of my health at 17, facing cancer torture, dying during treatment, being brought back to be infected with Hep C, to actually landing a job before being diagnosed with cancer for the 4th time and then getting fired from that job because I had cancer, won precedent in Canada in a human rights case, then to be told I had a miracle pregnancy, then being left at the side of the road because I wasn't supposed to be able to get pregnant, I'd had cancer!... I have survived being the only survivor of a multiple birth, a traumatic head injury after being bucked off a horse and smashing my head on a rock at 8 years old,, surviving being sexually molested from really little to 15, by a family "friend", surviving a traumatic metastatic cancer treatment, dying during that time, an entire lifetime of illness, infected blood and the discrimination associated with tainted

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blood! (No one has opened that can of worms yet.) I have had to live a secret life to protect my family from the stigma of having a live virus in my blood that is not only killing me but can also kill anyone who comes into contact with it! This is a very heavy burden to carry when I am a victim in this! There was nothing in my life style that I did to be infected by this virus! I was an unfortunate who developed an horrific metastatic cancer that almost took my life! I was an innocent and my life has not been the potential of what it could have been if I had not been infected with this insidious virus! A point to note, I have for the past 10 years been a public speaker for the Terry Fox Foundation at the various local annual events. I have been fortunate enough to be able to inspire kids with my cancer story as my 3rd treatment was from the funds the Terry Fox Foundation had generated for cancer research.

Every day I have to endure the loss of my children in my life, is more than I can manage! I WANT, NO, I MUST BE HEARD IN THIS!
Medical compensation is one thing, koodos! To make this right, respectfully, it is MORE than fair for the Joint Committee to encompass ALL that the infected person loses through the Hep C transmission not just the health aspect!

If I understand correctly, from the Joint Committee session meeting, that I might also, still be able to make a claim for `Loss of Income'. Infected at 19, suffering from PTSD, I had not the chance or opportunity to establish `Income earning potential' as I was infected before I'd had the chance to establish that earning potential. If this is what permits me to make an additional claim, I would like the opportunity to do so. Can you please inform me on how to do that.

Although my life's challenges have been almost impossible to over come, my don't you ever quit character trait has seen me through it all, and will continue to do so! I am compiling my experiences, this year, right away actually, as I will be writing my autobiography... My life story will become book form, who knows where from there...
My earning potential as a Canadian citizen has not ever had an opportunity to be fulfilled.
It is my sincerest desire to rectify that before this virus claims me!

I look forward to future communication and information from you in this matter.

Sincerely, [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 9:26 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Submission for the Joint Hearing

Dear Mr.Strosberg Q.C.

I am a Hemophiliac who acquired Hep C from a blood transfusion. I am part of the settlement group. My involvement came early in the process when [redacted] and I travelled to Ottawa to advocate for the settlement on behalf of the Canadian Hemophilia Society. We garnered media support as well as acknowledgement from opposition members, especially from [redacted]. The Federal Health Minister of the day chose not to meet with us by leaving that session of Parliament through the underground tunnel. We have come a long way.

I have been more fortunate than many with regards to this insidious disease. It cost me a year of work while on a drug trial of Interferon and Ribravirin. It contributed to my marriage break up. It was the reason why I had to leave work early. I was a school Principal and I loved my job ...

I sincerely believe that the fund surplus should be allocated to all the Class Members. It may compensate for all the suffering that has gone on that is not measured by the Settlement Steps. An equitable settlement of the surplus is justified. Apart from Members who have passed on, the hardships and suffering inflicted by this disease are unique to each individual. This cannot be measured nor should it be to establish a payout scale of the Surplus.

In conclusion, I would like to summarize my position. The Surplus should be given to all class members. The Surplus should be allocated on an equitable basis.

I would also like to thank you Mr. Strosberg for your many years of support and professional diligence.

Sincerely, [redacted]

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**Sonya Robinson**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 12:22 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Surplus-Hepatitis C Settlement

I have received your letter regarding Hepatitis C Settlement were you ask for input on the short fall and surplus. My suggestion to the Committee would be 75-80% of the trust fund be passed onto the surviving direct family members.
Thank you for the opportunity to give my input.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

August 17, 2015

Joint Committee
Hepatitis C., Class Action 1986-1990
Attn. Mr. Harvey Strosberg Q. C.

Dear Sir,

I lost my father in 2004 to liver cancer brought on by the Hepatitis C. he contracted during a heart surgery. He left a wife, two other children and six grandchildren.

The victim, or the surviving spouse, the children and the grandchildren--these are the people to whom this surplus should be allocated in each class member family.

Recently, my mother had to sell her house because she found it increasingly difficult to afford its upkeep when she was cut off from the yearly Loss of Services in the Home compensation she had been receiving.

As well, on his death, his surviving sisters also received a one-time compensation – I found that amount (I believe $5,000) to be grossly disproportionate to the compensation received by the grandchildren (I believe $500).

This surplus presents itself as an opportunity to assist those closest to the victim and who suffered or continue to suffer the greatest loss.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Joint Committee Member
Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
re: hepc surplus fund

I am writing in response to the request for input on the surplus funds. I received tainted blood in 1988 while giving birth and feel obligated that my voice be heard. The recent death of Diane Parsons Forsyth, a woman who fought so hard for all the members, emphasizes that right.

THE MONEY BELONGS TO US AND OUR FAMILIES! Over the past 27 years I have not only dealt with the constant fear of my own body's vulnerability but also with the pain of being found out. When my boy was young I didn't want to subject him to misunderstanding parents, teachers and children discovering that I had HCV. I stopped volunteering when they made it mandatory to sign an affidavit declaring you were free of any communicable disease. My doctor informed me that I could never return to my previous workplace , which was,ironically the Canadian Red Cross, where I worked as a clinical assistant. My family was completely dismantled. My husband took on the onerous position of being sole wage earner and my fear of somehow transmitting the virus to my family haunts me . For the constant shame, change and fear I was awarded $32000. As I age and worry about the future it is my opinion that any surplus funds belong to the class action members and their families. After all, a surplus could only exist , by virtue of the fact ,because the members so conscientiously refused to abuse the system.

BUT IT IS OUR MONEY- OUR LIVES-

With great regard,

[redacted]

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: [redacted]

Hepatitis C Compensation of blood products between Jan 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990

I received your notice that the Joint Committee requests my input for the disbursement of the surplus funds. I feel that due to the loss of family that the funds should be disbursed to family members.

The funds were dispersed once the Canadian blood service was found at fault with the class action suit, due to inflation and the economy the surplus should be divided among families of loved one who became ill and or deceased.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Aug 19/15

Dear Sir:

I have recieved a letter from you stating that there is a surplus of $ 2 million plus and so therfore I am giving you my opinion on what to do with this money.-

My Claim no is 12103

I have recieved my last payment in Feberary which was $798.47

I am unable to attend your consultation session.

I don't understand why this has to go to court. My family and I have had to manage without my husband and so has my kids and grand kids because of this horribal mistake.

It is an insult to me and my family that there is even a question of what to do with this money. It should be going to everyone that was afected by this huge mistake

Yours truly

[redacted]

I have remarried recently so [redacted] is added to my name

My new last name and address

[redacted]

(Claim No 12103)

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Dear Harvey

My name is [redacted] the wife of [redacted]. He contacted the Hepatitis in 1986. He was operated for Heart Surgery. He was fine till 1996, when he was to have a surgery for his prostrate. We were informed, that he could not perform surgery, because he had tainted blood. We were shocked and he got worse and became weak. I looked after him day and night very faithfully. As a result I had to retire early from work, because I could not leave him alone.

I have no computer or internet. I cannot attend the meeting which is on the August 25 - 2015. It is also my husbands birthday on that day.

My husband's brothers and sisters who are in Bombay and Goa in India, did not have any idea what me and my children went through this ordeal of sufferings. yet they received money from my husbands blood. He died in the hospital on October 6th 2001. I would like some surplus money to go to health care ~~serfix~~ service to improve our health Care!

I am not able to do a lot of things, as I am now 80 yrs. old. I have arthritis on my knees, legs and arms. I also have diabetis. I have children who are busy with their family. I need help, with my house work and other things, like garden showelling the drive way. I would apriciate if you can conside my request. Thank you in anticipation.

your sincerely.

[redacted]

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**HARVEY STROSBERG Q.C.**
Sutts Strosberg LLP
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Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I am writing to you as a Family Class Member, in regards to my opinion of what I believe should happen with the surplus money of the 1986 – 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Trust Fund.

I feel strongly that only the surviving children, and the spouse that was the caretaker of the deceased members should benefit from this surplus. I do not wish to see extended family members benefit. In the case of the deceased member having no surviving immediate children, then I would like to see the surplus go to help Hep-C victims with essential living support, or for the money to go to a strictly regulated and transparent Hep – C research and drug development program.

I was married to victim, [redacted], for over a decade, and we had a beautiful, happy, very loving family, with our baby son, [redacted].
[redacted] was everything to us. A great daddy, a loving husband. Hep- C destroyed our world.

Shortly after the birth of our son, [redacted] began a baffling, destructive decline. We never knew he had acquired Hep – C from blood transfusions. All I knew, was that we began to lose everything. [redacted] declined physically, emotionally, mentally, and financially, in every way. I lost my husband, my son lost a capable father. I went from having the luxury of working part time, to being able to be home with our baby, to becoming the sole provider for the three of us.

By the time our son was three years, we were surviving entirely on my meager, unreliable income as a waitress. We had no home, sometimes no food, and soon we had no future.

My husband became completely incapable of the trusted care of our son. I had no choice but to defend for us all on my own, never knowing or understanding what was raging on in [redacted] body.

I eventually became [redacted] sole provider, for everything. All his clothing, transportation, medications, food, gifts, money, and housing, also while trying to make a better life for myself and our son.

By the time we learned of his diagnosis, we had become completely outcast, there were no family members to come forward to help. I phoned every social agency I could think of, there was nothing to help us. We suffered immensely, immeasurably, physically and emotionally every day.

How can I describe to you what a nervous breakdown feels like, how can I tell you what it's like to watch your child stop smiling, to plummet academically at school. I can't tell you the pain in our hearts watching a man we loved so much, waste away.

[redacted] was a remarkable, unique, incredible entrepreneur and extremely generous man. He was our future. We were a real family, supposed to be forever.

My son will never inherit what could have been his legacy. I was never helped financially for being his sole caretaker.
I was never able to be helped financially from [redacted] for our son. [redacted] was supposed to be able to contribute to [redacted] child support, but he was never able to work.
I was not able to be given child support for many years, yet I provided support to [redacted]

I would very much like to be able to be compensated for at least that. I was his wife, and mother of his only child, and I believe I deserve to also receive compensation as opposed to people that had nothing to do with him.

I can't even begin to tell you in words how difficult it was for me to fight for our son to receive any money at all from Hep – C. It was complete insult to injury, that me, also as a victim, had to deal with months of bureaucracy. Why should it have been up to me, to take on hospitals, tracing back blood transfusions, dealing with untold amounts of paperwork, legal difficulties, etc. It was insulting to be a victim of loss, then have to prove it.

I hope that someone will grant compensation to myself and to [redacted], for all the incredible pain and suffering we endured, for the risk to our own lives, to never having his Dad around again, for the loss of his father watching him grow, become a man, see him marry, to become a grandfather.

The immediate, approved Family Members only, should be granted compensation.

No one should ever have to suffer what [redacted], myself, and our son, [redacted], suffered.

Blessings to you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Family Class Member

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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Dear Mr. Strosberg,

This is a letter stating how I feel the remaining surplus money from the 1986 – 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Trust Fund should be allocated. I am the son of a deceased father, a victim of the Hep – C tragedy.

I firmly believe that the only people who should benefit from this are the direct and immediate family members, such as the children and spouses of the deceased victims. Only the people who saw first hand and had to endure the hardships of watching their loved family member decline in health should be considered for this surplus. I do not agree with the remaining surplus being divided out to the extended family. To me, that is similar to saying "I saw 9/11 on the news, I feel sorry for the victims families, I should be compensated too." If it is not available to be divided evenly upon the direct children and family members, I would like to see **proof** that the remaining surplus money go towards aid for current living victims of Hep – C, or I would like to see **proof** that it go towards the current Hep - C research and drug plan, in hopes that it can potentially benefit victims of this terrible disease.

My father and victim, [redacted] was a VERY loving and successful man. At a young age, I had no choice but to watch his health and life decline at a painfully slow and depressing rate until the very end. Words can not describe the immeasurable pain involved in watching a loved family member, sole provider, and the first mentor that you form a bond with, wither away to nothing. I was robbed of a happy childhood spent growing up with a father, learning from a father, and ultimately being fortunate enough to grow old and take care of my father, as he had tried to do for me, before his mental and physical disability due to the disease.

I could have had the opportunity to learn from him and carry on his extremely successful business ventures. I could have had my Dad.

I hope you do the right thing, and compensate the children and spouses of Hep – C victims, and not any and all extended family members, such as their cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. Only the immediate and closest approved family members should benefit.

Thank you,

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Dear Mr. Strosberg

600-251 Goyeau St., Windsor, On N9A 6V4

My name is [redacted] of Sarnia On. When I was eleven years of age, I lost my mother to leukemia. My older sister, who was 23 years old, and her husband, moved into our home in order that I would be properly taken care of and loved. She became more than a sister and much like a mother figure to me.

In 1988, while undergoing minor oral surgery, my sister received 9 bags of cryoprecipitate. Her surgeon was extra cautious because she suffered from Von Wiilibrand's Disease. As a result of this surgery, my sister was infected with Hepatitus C. She suffered for the next 16 years. At times the suffering was extremely difficult to watch.

I believe that the monies that resulted due to the class action suit was set aside for one purpose only, for those who suffered and those family members who suffered with them. Therefore, my suggestion to your committee is that the remaining money be dispersed to those who have been registered with the class action suit.

My sister's name was [redacted] and she passed away on Nov. 23, 2004. She suffered much and was much loved. It would be wrong if anyone other than those for whom the money was intended profited in any way.

Thank you,

[redacted]

August 2015

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing because I received your letter for the estate of [redacted] for the Hepatitis C settlement you wanted my input on the matter. Therefore I'm letting you know that it was extremely hard on the family when we heard [redacted] was infected with Hepatitis C. [redacted] second kidney transplant failed in 1997, and due to the fact that he had Hepatitis C, he couldn't be on the transplant list.

We suffered and went through a lot of pain seeing [redacted] go on dialysis in Ottawa 3 times a week for 2 years. It was long days, 6 to 10 hours before we got home which was hard for my son.

I took care of my son without knowing he was infected with Hepatitis C and not aware that my other children or I could have gotten infected also, [redacted] started receiving dialysis in Cornwall General Hospital for a while. On June 1st 2005 the Cornwall General Hospital sent [redacted] to Ottawa for dialysis which my son remained in the Ottawa General Campus for 14 months. The doctors could not insert a central line for [redacted] to receive dialysis which is how [redacted] passed away on August 16th 2006.

I had asked for help for funeral expenses for my son and you refused to help me. That is why you should divide some of the Hepatitis C settlement for the families who have endured pain and suffering for the loss of their loved ones.

Sincerely Yours,

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Attn: Harvey Strosberg Q.C
Sutts Strosberg

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Telephone: 1-877-318-4372

hepc@strosbergco.com

Dear Mr. Strotsberg,

Thank you for serving on the Joint Committee which has a mandate to implement the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement and to supervise the ongoing Administration of claims.

Since the Joint Committee and the federal government recognize a potential surplus of between $236 million and $256 million, it requires action to ensure that victims and families of victims of the Hepatitis C tragedy benefit from that surplus. Indeed all of the surplus after Administration costs should be allotted to those family members affected by the Hepatitis C crisis.

As Executor of the Estate of [redacted] who passed away on August 27,2006, I recommend that surplus funds be distributed to family members affected by such a grave loss.

[redacted] left a son, [redacted] born April 29,1988. [redacted] put skates on [redacted] by the time he was 4 years old. For 12 years [redacted] travelled to watch [redacted] play hockey whenever his health allowed. Although [redacted] was too ill to attend [redacted] High School Graduation he was able to watch it via video from the Moncton General Hospital in June, 2006. [redacted] has debt as a result of his secondary education courses in the Trades. His job as a Dispatcher is demanding shift work with pay only a few dollars above minimum wage. His Dad is no longer here to help him financially and encourage him to further his education for more job opportunities which would allow him to have a better lifestyle, to afford a membership to a Fitness Centre and be able to obtain a mortgage for his own home.

[redacted] was born April 9,1991. She could count on her Dad for advice and support in a way that gave her comfort in spite of troubles. Her Dad was funny so she shared lots of laughs with him. His talks and her own determination lead her to achieve a Pharmacy Degree. Two years at UNB and 4 years at Dalhousie University have left her with a huge financial debt. During her last 2 years of High School [redacted] missed her Dad at Dance recitals, at a Pageant where she was crowned [redacted] and her roles as an actress in school theater. [redacted] absence was noticed for sure as her siblings and I watched her receive her Pharmacy Degree in Halifax in June, 2015.

[redacted] daughter [redacted] is a troubled girl because of the lack of parental guidance. [redacted] was born December 1st, 1994.

On September 26, 1996 [redacted] was awarded full custody of his children.

[redacted] was small in stature and she had a gift for dancing. She believes she was deprived of attention .Her Dad died when she was 12 years old. [redacted] shirks responsibility claiming she is too stressed to complete courses to enhance her education or to go to her place of work when scheduled to be at a job.

[redacted] daughter [redacted] was born in 1987. [redacted] was noticeably more ill by 2001 and claimed [redacted] made him laugh at a time of pain and ill health. [redacted] could also 'rule the roost' so to speak. She graduated from High School in 2015 and hopes to continue enough education to allow her to be independent and have a job she enjoys . She did attend grief counseling and seems keen to succeed in life.

By the year 2000 [redacted] bought a house located a block from his parents' home.

Towards the end of August. 2006. [redacted] tears came a few days before he passed away when he said to me, "I don't want to die because I don't want to leave my kids." He also alluded to the fact that a parent should not have to experience the loss of a child. He meant that his death would also take its toll on his Dad and I.

[redacted] was deeply concerned about his brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] They too were distraught by the loss of [redacted] who had a dramatic affect on their lives since childhood. A card from [redacted] and his wife on our 55th wedding anniversary this week reads " Your caring shows what love really means." [redacted] always wrote a note in our cards on special occasions. And what a great decision on [redacted] part to write notes sporadically such as before school or a special event for each child as a surprise and a special way to communicate ---notes which the children read and reminisce over to this day.

[redacted] knew of the unconditional love I had for him and his children and knew in his heart that I would try my best to help them and look after his affairs to the best of my ability.

After [redacted] died, [redacted] and [redacted] lived with [redacted] and I while [redacted] lived with [redacted] and step-mom, [redacted] [redacted] is close by so is in touch often for meals and transportation.

As Executor of the Estate I recommend and encourage you to do your best as a committee and award surplus funds to [redacted] family. His children would benefit greatly from such a positive action by the federal government and your committee.

The dynamics of living with a Dad who was physically ill and left them as young people has had a devastating impact on their present day lives.

[redacted] fought the good fight for years but his kidneys and other organs and all over illness of Hepatitis C consumed his body causing his death .

Surplus funds must be allocated to [redacted] family. The federal government failed to provide safe blood products for [redacted]

As Executor of the Estate of the late [redacted] I request the release of surplus funds as time allows to The Family Class Members of the late [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

August 20,2015

To Whom it May Concern,

My Grandmother, whom I called Nana, contracted Hep C in the late 1980's. She suffered so much and I hated seeing what had happened to her. I cannot think of those days without feeling physically ill. She, [redacted] died on Nov. 23rd 2004. I was married on June 25th, 2005, 7 months later. I had so wished that could have been there. She never got to meet my two sons either. The whole travesty of the tainted blood scandal still angers and repulses me. I miss my long and frequent talks with my Nana.
I often think about her and so wish that she was here.

In my opinion. It would be wrong to use the money for any other reason than to release it to the victims of Hep C and their, still grieving, families.

Thank you

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Dear Mr.Strosberg,

My Nana (Grandmother) was [redacted] She died on November 23, 2004. I loved my Nana so much. She was an intelligent, interesting and interested person. She always cared about what we cared about. When I was in university, I got monthly cards and letters from her. I recently counted them, I have 71 cards!

She was the best cook and the most hospitable person that I have ever known. Anyone and everyone was welcome at her house at any time and there was always food ready for them. It was almost magical how she could have delicious things ready when she wasn't even expecting you! I can honestly say that she was the best person that I ever knew. I still miss her terribly.

My Nana suffered for a very long time, 16 years, due to the tainted blood scandal. Sometimes the suffering was absolutely unbearable. My Pops (Grandfather) and my Mom [redacted] were there daily and they suffered right along with her. It was a terrible time for all of us. I wished so much that she had never had that minor surgery when she received those tainted blood products. Even now I get teary eyed thinking about it.

Please, if there are remaining funds, give it to the families of the victims. That's who it was intended to be given to. Although no amount of money makes up for the negligence of the blood scandal, we are still suffering from great loss.

Thank you, [redacted]

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RE: Surplus Funds

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Joint Committee Member
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Dear Sir:

I recently received two (2) letters regarding the 1986-1990 HEPC Surplus Funds. One letter was to myself FBO the Estate of [redacted] and the second letter was also addressed to me as I am the Dependant.

This letter is written with regard to these notices of Surplus Funds. I am not quite certain how to respond to this matter , however I will attempt to put my thoughts forward.

My late wife [redacted] contracted Hepatitis C died April 6, 1999. The Government provided a compensation package as well as the Loss of Services compensation. It seems to be quite apparent that with the amount of the surplus funds, at this point, that the initial compensation package was possibly not high enough resulting in the dollar amount of surplus funds, which accoding to the letters is between $236 million and $256 million.

It is therefore my opinion that since the surplus funds are a direct result of investments from the original compensation fund that the funds should be paid out to the people who have been directly affected and have ongoing entitlements.

The research that is mentioned in the letter should not necessarily be part of this discusssion, since to my knowledge, it was never a part of the original settlement and ongoing entitlements. I believe the Government has a responsibility in research but not using funds from the Compensation Package or Ongoing Entitlements.

Yours truly

[redacted]

August 21, 2015

TO The Joint Committee
c/o Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Windsor, Ontario

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It is my feeling that the estimated surplus funds should be divided equally between the expected needs of Class Members and Family Class Members.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

NEW ADDRESS:

[redacted]

To:
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From:
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Date:
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Subject :
Hepatitis C Settlement

Dear Sirs:
My mother, [redacted] passed away December 10, 1998 from a Hepatitis C infection caused by a blood transfusion. I am a member of the class action lawsuit in this regard. Your letter stated that as well as sufficient funds for future needs, there is a large surplus. This letter is in response to the joint committee's request for input as to the use of the surplus funds in the compensation packages to members of the lawsuit. My claim number is 2364 and my daughter [redacted] claim number is 2364 – I hope this is enough to identify us adequately – additionally my brother [redacted] as executor for my mother's estate had a claim number of 01000419 and a personal claim number for himself of 00002168.

I believe that any leftover funds must be paid out to the members of the lawsuit. Under no circumstances should this money be returned to the Federal Government or to any other group interested in research or health care. It should not be used for any other compensation programs.

My mother suffered and died because of negligence in the handling of the blood supply; she would have no interest in rewarding any other group besides her family with money from the lawsuit. My daughter [redacted] grew up without knowing her Grandmother. Many families were affected in many ways and continue to be to this day. Please make every effort to make sure the money goes to the infected individuals or their family members, not to anyone else.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]

Aug 24/15

re: Hep C. Settlement Agreement

Dear Mr Strosberg:

I am writing this brief letter to encourage you and the joint Committee to continue to support financially the families of the Blood fiasco. My Son [redacted] died in Aug 2006 and left 4 children in our care.

There is no good in trying to explain the problems and trials we have gone through since 1985. Words are no good at this stage of my life 10/10/36 but financial pay out may help us get over our day by day dilemma.

Looking after 4 children without their father or mother (divorced) is difficult. Their education is my primary concern. One grand daughter is now a pharmacist One grandson a worker for a trucking Co. Two children are at a loss as what to do!

We need the money to provide educational opportunities and get a start on life.

Thank you for
the opportunity of participating

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Dear sir or madam

I am [redacted]
I have been living with Hep C for a long time since 1990. It has ruined my life. I did get a settlement about 6 years ago. But I think it should be more, for the stress and horror it has on people lives. We didnt ask for this awful ~~dise~~ curse. Everyone dont want to be near you. they are afraid, I have been single since 15 years because of Hep C. I live in a small town where everyone is afraid of me. Its so sad. The talking behind my back is so awfull. I am also so sick alot. Cant work because I am so sick alot. I think we should get more money. It wont take away the pain and stress but it will help to secure a future for our little kids that will be left alone.

[redacted]

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SUTTS, STROSBE[illegible] LLP

Mr. Harvey Strosberg,

My mother, [redacted] suffered from Von Willibrand's Disease her entire life. That disease is related to Haemophilia in that an affected person has blood platelets that hold little to no clotting factors. Because of this, her oral surgeon was extra cautious supplying her with blood products when she received minor surgery in the latter half of the 1980's. These blood products were infected with Hep C.

For the next sixteen years her battle and struggle against Hep C were both courageous and heart breaking to witness. The effects of the disease were catastrophic. She endured far, far too much suffering. My father and I agonized over watching her decline. There were so many ups and downs. She was admitted to the hospital numerous times in the early 90's with a number of mysterious ailments, particularly pneumonia, until finally in 1994 it was discovered that she was suffering from Hep C. She was told that there was nothing that could be done and that she had five months to live. We were devastated. She lived for another ten years. During that time, we witnessed so many ups and downs, particularly from 2001 until her death on Nov. 23, 2004.

My Mom was a very intelligent and compassionate woman. She welcomed anyone and everyone into her home. She was always interested in what everyone else had going on in their lives. Even when she was having a very bad health day, she wouldn't give in to it. She never, ever complained. I often said to people at that time that if I had been as sick as she was in the morning, that they'd be burying me in the afternoon. Her resilience and determination were unbelievable. She fought the good fight, there's no doubt about it.

Her church family, her friends and particularly her loved ones suffered terribly during those many years. My mom spent the first 6 months of 2001 in the hospital. I was working out of town and would drive to the hospital every single day. My Dad was faithful in his daily visits as well. The grandkids couldn't believe what had happened to their Nana. My Dad actually received sympathy cards three years before she passed way because people that had visited her in the hospital thought that they had seen her for the last time.

In July, 2004, she missed a step at the front door and fell and fractured her pelvis. She lay in the hot sun until she was discovered by a niece some two hours later. I knew at that time that the morphine that the hospital had to administer would finish off what little function she still had in her liver. She passed away after four more months of a terrible struggle.

That entire time in my life still evokes such pain. The situation was so terribly unfair and unnecessary. The idea of it all makes me still so terribly angry. It all could have been avoided if there hadn't been such negligence on the part of the Canadian Red Cross. There is no compensation in the world that would ever make up for losing my precious Mom. For the money that remains to be used for any other reason than to give it all to the victims and their families would be a further travesty. I still so miss my mom. Thank you for your time.

[redacted]

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
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24 Aug 2015

Re: HepC Joint Committee Submission

Thank you for the letter regarding the Compensation Fund surplus. I am a recipient of the class action settlement based on my medical condition resulting from a tainted blood transfusion in 1989. It is my understanding that this financial compensation was intended to allow me to regain a better quality of life. However, since then the cost of living has risen considerably and inflation (approx. 27% between 2001 and 2014) has eroded the value of the compensation package. It is therefore suggested that the surviving class members be awarded an additional inflation adjustment to their original compensation award.

Should there be a further amount remaining in the fund, then this money could be returned to the original Federal Government source with the suggestion that it be used to improve health care for seniors.

I am looking forward to hearing of the Joint Commission and Federal Government submissions and the ensuing court decision.

Sincerely

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 11:05 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** 86-90 Hep C trust fund

Good Morning,
We recently received communication from you regarding the fund sufficiency.
My wife and I hope to attend the August 26, 2015 consultation session to be held in Hamilton, August 26, 2015.
Our comments and reply to your letter are as follows.
Here is the background and reason for our comments.
Our daughter received a tainted blood transfusion in December 1989 at one month of age. She was hospitalized right after birth with a serious congenital heart defect requiring surgery. During cardiac surgery she received the tainted blood transfusion. Here hospital stay after the surgery was significant because of her reaction to the infection. At the time this was unknown but has been accepted as being related to her infection. Subsequent to all this she was diagnosed with a complex chromosomal disorder and as a result has ongoing multiple medical issues. These are greatly complicated by her additional issues related to Hep C.
Because of her level of mental incompetence, we as parents have been appointed her Personal Representative. We have to accompany her on all her Dr's visits, all are in Toronto. We live in Niagara.

The fund should allow for families of those minors who received a tainted blood transfusion to receive compensation for loss of income for the time these children were hospitalized and required Dr's visits related to their Hep C. While our out of pocket expenses were covered for that time, our loss of income and other related expenses were not. It is our assertion that there was monetary loss to our family.
Our assertion is also based on the following observation. Most people receiving a blood transfusion are in a hospital for a medical reason, they have medical issues that may require a blood transfusion. Some are more complex than others of course. Infants like our daughter, requiring blood transfusions, usually have serious underlying medical issues. Hers are lifelong and are made more complex after having acquired the Hep C virus. If an adult receives a blood transfusion, it could either be for major or minor medical issues. For the most part, they can drive themselves to the hospital or for Dr appointments. Parents of children with congenital medical issues need to take time off from work to attend these appointments or be with their child during hospital stays. You don't drop your children off at the hospital and pick them up at a later date.

This is an appropriate and valid expense request that could be covered by the surplus. You already have records of those who have received approved out of pocket expenses for hospital stays and Dr's visits related to her Hep C. There will be no surprise claims and all requests can be managed that way. A daily loss of income amount could be established for one parent for those hospital stays and a Dr's visits. Children and mentally incompetent people cannot drive themselves.

I don't know how many claimants are in similar circumstances. Please consider them as beneficiaries of this surplus as well.

Please let us know if this submission is sufficient enough to provide material for your Joint Committee's application or for discussion at your consultation session. we will provide more input if requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
on behalf of [redacted]
Her parents,
[redacted]

Sutts Strosberg LLP
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Tuesday Aug. 25, 2015.

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Dear Mr. Strosberg:

I am writing you regarding the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement.

I was recently informed that there is a surplus of monies in the Trust Fund. As a Class Member of the Hepatitis C Settlement, I am writing this letter upon the request of the Joint Committee.

My recommendations for the surplus are as follows.
I suggest that the surplus be divided into three categories:

Category 1: An additional lump sum should be paid/distributed to all Class Members.

Category 2: Family Members caring for, or dependent on, the Hep C-infected individual should receive increased benefits. Levels of compensation should depend on the severity of the disease, and the costs incurred in caring for the individual.

Category 3: Individuals recently diagnosed with Hep C (i.e. after 2010) should be included in the Class Settlement.

The surplus should by no means be returned to the governments (either federal or provincial), nor should the surplus be given to external agencies for research, general healthcare, etc. The surplus should be allocated only in favour of the Class Members and Family Class Members.

Sincerely

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** [redacted] KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:41:40 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

Hello, [redacted] here, is it possible to have a print out of the screen shots ie: number of claimants and disease levels etc. Also, I hear of lots of death in this Webcast, I am still alive fortunately and don't know when my time will come, but I think there should be another pay out to enjoy and help out my family before I get too sick and cannot help them. I am noticing this past year that I am getting more symptoms of the moderate cirrhosis I have as a result of the tainted blood I received in 1986 at the age of 22. I treatment I was on was Interferion/Ribiron (sorry for the spelling) my side effects were stomach sickness, miss work, weight loss due to this, and thyroid disease, which occurred when I was on interferon drug. Unfortunately I have to leave the session but it was very informative and my husband and I thank you for your time and support. my email is [redacted], and look forward to you response. Thank You :)

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** [redacted] KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 7:56:47 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

Hello, my question is about my daughter who isn't HepC positive thank goodness, but because she grew up with a very ill mother she now suffers with PTSD. She doesn't get benefits...yet she suffers as I do but with different diseases. Will this be taken into consideration, when and how?

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:03 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Trust fund

I feel the money should be disbursed amongst the victims and families. Our family has been greatly affected by the passing of my spouse. I, not only lost my spouse, the father of my children, We lost the biggest contributor to our family. Since his passing I have had to work three jobs to keep our family going. He was not able to get insurance due to his infected disease he was not able to get insurance so I have been left to pay all bills. I have not been able to help any of my children out with schooling they have had to rely on student loan and bursaries . This is why I feel the mo rues should come back to victims and families

[redacted]

To: Whom it may Concern:    Aug. 25th/2015

Er:    Claim # 1100155

(HepC 86-90 Joint Committee)

To the Joint Committee in response to your newsletter recieved Aug. 4th 2015. First and formost, I would like to thank this Committee for this opportunity of reviewing our claims.

My name is    as you may already know I am another member of the    family which is a first trans fused Hemophiliac, Von Willbrand's Disease VIII who has been infected and affected directly with Hep. C. from the blood supply that was tainted by the Red Cross & the F.P.T. governments. I come from a family of 11 children, 6 hemophiliacs (4 brothers & 2 sisters)

Growing up and surviving with all the complications of just being a Von Willebrands VIII. Example: Nose bleeds, ears, mouth, GI, menstration) bleeds; Hep C - HIV was horrific & exhausting. Not to say less than just plain hard life. This standard of life has also been life being burnt scarring & affecting every possible phase of my life. Throughout these times my family & I have suffered more than our share of hardships. My poor mother, had no choice but to resort to using rags to stop and cover our bleeds. The amount of towels & sheets my mother not only had to rinse in cold, to get the blood out, so she could re-use them was very disappointing & very hard on my mother and other family members. My brothers & sisters were just →

plain scared not knowing if we were going to live or die. My mother passed away with-out a penny. Her Telephone bill was not even paid at the time of her death. Although being sick & diseased I took a job waitressing at the St. Boniface Hotel just so I could pay for her headstone with her name loving wife of, and her 11 children Rest in Peace Mother. sorry to say the amount of money 17,000 a year is not nearly enough to live on, when you are bleeding, losing jobs, going to the hospital, liver problems. Even to pay for my personel material (Kotex Tampon's, Band-aids) not to mention trying to pay for hospital trips, rent, bills, food like most people could afford we couldn't & still can't. I still tried to hold my head up high, but I could not do this on Welfare. I would please ask the committee to be fair & compensate up at least 35,000 to 65,000 a year, that's not much for a life who's family got innocently wronged is it? I have already lost my Father, Mother & 3 brother's, Ray, Guy, & Eugene from this blood scandel. Do we not deserve at lest a better life, before death comes for the rest of us. I hope you can understand what has happened to us as a family. Futher more, I've been put down, denied, harrassed & beat up, for the fact they thought I was some kind of dirty junki, that I would deseace them.

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Claint# 1100155

Hep C 86-90 Joint Committee 3)

They did not know we were infected with Hep C. & H IV. through no fault of or own. For this I'd have to say Thanks alot for, making my life feel lower then a dog's life. If I did not recieved this tainted Blood, I would of had a better chance of getting a better education, to become a legal-aid lawyer or some kind of job that would not discriminate me for being infected with Hep. C. I have recently been diagnosed with Cancer. So this makes everything even more intense than ever. I have been so depressed + broke I almost wanted to end my life. Thank god I've got the support + strength of my family which seems to make the pain of all this a litter easier. If something or someone doesn't help us with a better quality + standard of life then I would have to say I'd feel a very huge mistrust from the people like this committee for not doing the right thing for my family + I hope you can read this + understand we still need help.

Thank-You very much

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 10:02 AM
**To:** Hep C Pre 86, Post 90 <HepC.Pre86Post90@crawco.ca>
**Subject:** HEPC

I received a letter regarding the blood 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement. In regards, my brother [redacted] died as a result of the hepc. We received a settlement as a result. We signed off on it through them. He died April 2009. He was in the Wellesely hospital burn unit in Toronto, received many transfusions as a result of his condition, don't know how many times he may have been given the tainted blood. As of his condition from the burns, no leg, partial other leg, fingers and core body burns. The effect of hep c hit him harder then most as it bed ridden him for the last year. He tried the medication, of one year to try to slow down the hep c of pills each day and a needle once a week without results. Due to his added condition quality of life was not very good. If you have any questions and I can help, feel free to contact me and any information to this case would be appreciated. I would have to find his case number.
Thanks, Good luck.
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:50:36 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

I believe the money should be given in lump sum amounts to help infected people make the lifestyle changes needed to sustain longevity. ie. healthy diet, exercise, reduced stress

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:47:52 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

- lives of family members impacted after the infected person passed away

- took time off from work to take care of my father (to his medical appointments and in/out of hospital) should be compensated

- does the plan cover wheel chair, wheel chair ramp, walkers, etc that are required for the affected person?

- the amount received by my mom on an annual basis does not increase that much year by year.

- I feel the surplus should go to the living affected person and to the spouse of the deceased affected person

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 7:18:48 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

My loss of income only represents my earnings as of 2001 as my last earnings from working. Will this surplus be used to validate my potential earnings for these missed years.

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:36:12 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

Would you consider supporting HCV claimants that can't obtain extended benefits, either because there jobs don't offer benefits plans and/or the person can't afford to purchase extended benefits privately.

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:43:30 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

Grandchildren should receive better compensation

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:00:18 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

these funds should not go to the government
should not be given for research (I hear pharmaceutical co)

payments to children, age should not be a factor

late claimers should be accepted

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 7:30:25 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

I think the surplus should be divided between all class action members regardless of status level as long as infection can be proven. The principal sum should continue to be used as it has been in the past. I said regardless of status because as a person who was infected as an youth even though I am considered level 3, I did not ask to be infected, it has affected me physically.emotionally and affected every relationship I have tried to have for 30 years. There are things I have never been able to do and missed out on as a regular unaffected person. So in closing whos to say what level is more deserving of being compensated, we were all infected and it has ruined all our lives.

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 7:09:44 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

First of all I would like to apologize for not being able to attend in person as I said I would but I have suffered a knee injury and could not come to Toronto today.
I did not ask to become infected with Hep C, for me it came as a shocking and unwelcome surprise due to treatment for another health problem and the lack of vigilance and precautions in the collection of blood and blood products used for treatment of these and other health issues. As a class member all I want is to be able to carry on as normally as possible and to be able to provide my family with a decent lifestyle, free of worry from things like Hep C, there are enough other factors to worry about in life as it is.
I have 4 points that I would like covered.
#1, I completely agree that any funds that have been deemed "surplus" must stay in the fund or be turned over directly to the fund members/ families/estates only. The fund was established to help the fund members and their families and as such it needs to be kept in their hands. In my opinion the funds cannot ever come close enough to making up for ones health. As I stated earlier I never asked for this diagnosis but nevertheless I carry it with me forever. In my lifetime I truly believe that I never will be able to re-compensate my family for lost income, extra expenses, time away from them, mental stress and other factors that I attribute strictly to this diagnosis. I must always give up way too much because I am just way too tired more often than I should be. I believe that all levels of compensation need to be increased with the extra funds and yes lump sums will be acceptable based on the disease level that was originally accepted. I also am forced to decline extra work and work assignments at my place of employment due my constant tired feeling. This happens on a weekly basis, usually on Saturday and Sunday which is paid out in premium time wages. My current employer has been in a position to need premium time work from its workers for over 10 years now and in my situation I have had to decline most of it.
#2, I personally have been denied life insurance coverage because of my Hep C diagnosis and I believe that this is a very critical issue that has not been addressed in the fund. This has the potential to leave mine and many other families in a very precarious position. In my recollection I have applied to 2 different insurance companies and both times was denied. At least one insurance company cited Hep C in the reason as to why I was denied.
#3, I don't think / or know of any way to have physiological help for the infected person or the infected persons family. I believe that this type of medical help would be of tremendous help to infected persons and their families because even if the person is able to carry on a reasonably normal life the thought of the Hep c returning or of subsequent infections, especially with family members and kids weighs heavily in the everybody's mind. It does for me on a daily rate.
#4, I don't think that the funding for keeping up on the work around a home and maintaining it and your family is nearly enough. I personally rely much too much on family members for help and support. My wife needs to carry much more of a burden than she should, my children are forced to help out around the house more than they should and even my parents and in-laws pitch in to help. This happens because after a full days work I'm much too exhausted to do much around my house. Currently I need to hire outside help

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** one@postelvideo.com; KPodrebarac@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** Question from Web Stream
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:02:26 PM

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Webcast question from: [redacted]

Can we contact MPPs or MPs on this surplus? The surplus must stay with the class members, that means every penny.

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 1:42 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hep C

My name is [redacted]. I am the spouse of the late [redacted]. At present I receive an annual cheque from Hep C. When my husband passed the life expectancy of a male was 78 years. Stats Canada now says the expectancy is 79.2 years. Now the retirement age has changed from 65 years to 67 years. I believe that the surplus monies should continue until at least 79.2 years to the spouses. Even better would continue until the death of the surviving spouse.

Sincerely
[redacted]
Have a nice day

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 9:23 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** HepC Joint Committee

I believe the surplus should be shared among those of us who have been impacted by HepC.

[redacted]
1000558 (TransE)

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:17 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** RE: Submission to Hep C Joint Committee

Aug. 26, 2015.
As the Family Representative for the estate of [redacted](Claim #13754) I would like to make the following submission to the Committee:

1. That the surplus available for redistribution by distributed to claimants in proportion to the original pay-outs.
2. That any funds resulting from an inability to pay to the claimant (death, address unknown) or to a HepC-infected claimant's estate, would be distributed to living HepC-infected individuals in the orginal group.

Thank you,

[redacted]
Claim #13754

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 9:53 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Submissions to Hep C Joint Committee

Aug. 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Strosberg:
Is it acceptable to make a submission to the Joint Committee using email? Specifically this email address?
Thank you,

[redacted]
Claim #13754

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SUTTS, STROSBERG LLP 44 901 002

My name is [redacted] Icome from a family of hemophilics, five who cotracted hep c because of the tainted unchecked blood. My family has had to endure a lot of sickness due to no fault of our own. First my brother [redacted] after having a liver transplant and years of sickness died. Next my brother [redacted] took the hep c treatment and barely survived. He is hep c free but has liver damage.My brother [redacted] has poor health due to a enlarge liver and he is waiting for test to find out what other problems he has. My youngest brother [redacted] is in the process of taking the hep c treatment but he is living with liver damage.Many times over the last few years i could have used some of the surplus money to be near my brothers while they were suffering. Please give the surplus money to the class members and the class families members .

[redacted]

[redacted]

My name is [redacted] I come from a family of thirteen siblings, five brothers who are hemophilacs. Because of unchecked tainted blood four of them have hep c. My brother [redacted] passed away three years ago after having a failed liver transplant and many more complications. My brother [redacted] took the hep c treatment and barely survived. [redacted] is now hep c free but his liver is very bad, not sure what the future holds for him. My youngest [redacted] is about to start the hep c treatment but already has problems with his liver. My brother [redacted] has an enlarged liver because of the hep c , apparently the hep c has gone away. Right now because of failing health he is awaiting test to see if the hep c is has returned. There have been many times in the past such as when [redacted] was in Halifax hospital and st John's hospital that we his sibling could not be there to support him because of lack of finances. My brother [redacted] lives in Nova Scotia and had to go through his treatment and sickness without the support of his siblings because of finances. These are some of the times when we could have used some of the surplus money. I don't know what the future holds for my brothers but the surplus money would go a long ways in making their lives easier and mine in being able to be their support in the future. We have already lost one brother because of someones neglect and no amount of money could bring him back. The $6600.00 that i received was not much compensation for losing a love one. Please allot the surplus money to the class members and family class members.

[redacted]

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My name is [redacted] I come from a family of thirteen siblings, five who are hemophilia,Four of them contracted hep c because of tainted unchecked blood. My brother [redacted] died three years ago after prolonged illness due to liver damage and a failed liver transplant. My brother [redacted] took the hep c treatment and is hep c free but has to live with liver damage. My brother [redacted] has an enlarge liver and is having complications. My youngest brother [redacted] is getting ready to take the hep c treatment and has liver damaged. We as a family don't know what the future holds for our brothers.Please allot the surplus money to the class members and class members families.

[redacted]

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My name is [redacted], i come from a Family of thirteen siblings where five of us are hemophilacs, four of us contracted hep c because of the tainted unchecked blood. My brother [redacted] died three years ago,my brother [redacted] took the hep c treatment and is hep c free but has lasting liver damage. My youngest brother [redacted] is in the process of taking the hep c treatment but already has liver damage. Myself contracted hep c but it went away leaving me with an enlarged liver. Now because of falling health my doctors are sending me to the liver specialist to see if the hep c has returned or if the damage on my liver is got worst. Me and my family don't know what kind of complications the future will hold. I believe the surplus money should be allotted to the class members and class members families .

[redacted]

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My name is [redacted] I come from a close family of thirteen siblings, five of us being hemophilics. Four of my brothers contacted Hep c, myself being lucky enough to escape contacting hep c. My brother [redacted] contracted hep c and after much suffering and a failed liver transplant died three years ago. My brother [redacted] contracted hep c,took the treatment and is hep c but has liver damage. My brother youngest [redacted] contracted hep c and is in the process of taking the treatment but already has liver damage. My brother [redacted] contracted hep c but it went away but he is living with an enlarged liver. [redacted] now has failing health and is waiting for test to see if his hep c has returned The death of my brother and the failing health of the other three is because of the neglect of the tainted blood not being screened. I believe that all the surplus money should be allotted to class members and class family members.

[redacted]

[redacted]

My name is [redacted] I come from a family of thirteen, five who are hemophiliacs. Four of them contracted hep c from the unchecked tainted blood, My brother [redacted] died three years ago after having a liver transplant and many other complications.My brother [redacted] is hep c free but is living with much liver damage and other complication.My brother [redacted] has an enlarged liver and is waiting for test to determine what other complications he has .My youngest brother is waiting to take the hep c treatment but he also has liver damage.I believe that the surplus money should be given to the class members and class member families to help elevate some of the pain and suffering.

[redacted]

To Whom This May Concern,

[redacted]

I have received a letter from 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement. My name is [redacted] My mother, [redacted] was one of the victims due to negligence of the screening the tainted blood. This letter is asking me what I think should happen with the surplus of money? Before I answer I would like to tell you some of the agony and pain my mother and family endured that haunts me still to this day.

Just before my mother's transplant, my mother's liver was failing rapidly. My sisters and I had to do 24/7 care for her. We had to wrap towels around her legs because the toxins in her body had nowhere to go but out of the pores of her legs. She swelled up so bad we even made underpants for her as we could not buy them that size. As the hole got bigger in her leg, the more toxins came out saturating the towels. Not worried about our own safety, and with no knowledge at that time about this disease, we did what we needed to do for our dear mother to keep her comfortable. Shortly after that, about a month's time, she would end in the hospital where she had the liver transplant. She would of only have had a couple of weeks to live at that time if she didn't have this transplant is what the doctor had told my family after the operation. Well it took months for her to mend from this.

At the time of the transplant, I had just introduced my second child to her and she had to leave for the hospital. I had to stay back and couldn't be with her in London. I was so stressed from it that I could not nurse my child. Taking many trips to London so she wouldn't feel so alone. She was so terrified to sleep from hallucinations she had gotten from the medication. Once we were there to hold her hand, to say it was "okay" and that we are there nothing would happen, so she could sleep.

When my mother came home it was okay for a while. Then the new liver started to fail. My mother would have to take lactulose, a medicine that clears your bowels, to get rid of the toxins. If she didn't take it, the toxins would build up and she would get confused, pass out and this would happen frequently. My mother would get tired of this and at times was to weak to make it to the washroom. She would mess on the rug in her room, her bed, etc. My mother had one incident where she had passed out. I called an ambulance and there was blood in the bathroom, which came from her nose, mouth and the side of her head. The ambulance attendance was even shaken up. They resuscitated her. She would be on life support for 3 days.

My mother had no idea what happened. Once again, the worry of her being alone at this time was on our shoulders. She would get infections quickly. The hospital had given her some medication for this where she would be there quiet a few weeks. My mother then ended up in a nursing home until they could get her to walk again and get strong enough. While she was in the hospital, I would have to put in 8-hour shifts at the factory, come home to feed my family and go to the nursing home and bathe my mother. I would rub her down with cream because of her skin chaffing from the linen. I would do this 3-4 times a week.

She again would end up in the hospital from the infection. This would go on for months. She would go home for a month and back to the hospital. The last time at the hospital she was getting her last treatment of the week. It was a Sunday, and she had been at the hospital for 5 days. I rubbed my mother down after her shower. The nurse gave her the last treatment. I was supposed to pick her up to go home on Monday morning. When I arrived to pick up my mother and she looked like someone put her in a deep fryer. There were oozing red-blisters from all over her body. My mother was crying and moaning from pain. This was a shock to me that does not go away even today.

The hospital says this happens sometimes with the last dose of this medicine (I still don't understand that reasoning). It would be a month before she was getting better. I would literally put a jar of burn cream on her every night when I went there. Then they would put her on cancer floor to heal the rest of the time. The one night, I went there and I noticed my mother was swelling all over. My sisters and I couldn't figure this out. She would be getting weaker. Then we looked on her charts and we asked my mother, "Have you been taking your lactulose?" We asked the head nurse there and she said, "no that she hasn't." They couldn't understand why my mother needed to be on the toilet or messing herself all of the time? The nurse took it upon herself to stop giving this to my mother. We, my sister [redacted] and myself, explained to the nurses that my mother was to have the lactulose. My sister and I had a meeting with the doctor, nurse and head nurse in the morning. They said it was a cancer floor and they didn't know enough how to care for a transplant patient. Well, 3 weeks later my mother never got better and passed away on that floor; because of the negligent staff on that floor. My mother did not need to suffer, nor deserved to suffer so much as she did from negligence. My family took good care of my mother and believes we would still have her here today if it weren't for that tainted blood. My mother was a Christian and lived a clean life.

The examples I have given you are the ones that haunt me still. I could go on and on of the poor quality of life my mother endured. The only good thing that came out of this is the transplant and we had her for another 21 years. So you ask me for my opinion on what to do with this money? The surplus should go to all the families that were given the tainted blood. The victims of who suffered dearly along with their families who had to feel and watch the pain their loved ones had went through. My mother had passed away November 25, 2010, but the pain still lives in me what she went through and what I had to deal with for 25 years.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2015 4:58 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Letter regarding the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement
**Attachments:** [redacted]

Harvey,
Please find attached letters from [redacted] in regards to the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement. I am emailing on behalf of [redacted] however I have attached them to this email. Should you have any questions or require any further information please communicate with [redacted] by phone or by email at: [redacted] Please send a confirmation email to [redacted] confirming that you have received these letters.

Thank You,
[redacted]

To whom it may concerns,

I am writing this letter regarding the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement. My grandmother was one of the victims of this malpractice and it has severely impacted my emotional wellbeing. I was robbed of the opportunity to know my grandmother in any way other then in pain or in the hospital. She was always ill which limited my time spent with her.

Due to someone's negligence I will never know the beautiful person which was my grandmother nor with my friends, my family or children. The only memories I have are of her feeling constant pain.

For these reasons I feel the money should be allotted to the victims and their family members. To assist with any financial struggles or emotional hardships they may continue to face at this time.

[redacted]

To whom this may concern:

There is no value on a life...only the value you posses for life

There is no changing to what has been done...but only to learn and move forward from those mistakes

There is no reason to think negatively...your time is precious and should not be wasted with thoughts that won't allow you to move forward

There is no good that comes from holding hatred...because one day you will ask for forgives, too

There is no reason to be weak and quit...strength and courage is contagious and will help and guide other when they are lost

These are only a few words and beliefs of my late grandmother, [redacted] (1933-2010). The time we are given on this planet is not long enough, before you know it you are watching yourself grow and soon enough your own family grow. I truly feel that the life of [redacted] was taken too soon. Given the unfortunate circumstances, [redacted] was a kindhearted woman, mother and grandmother. A woman, who valued life, valued others and gave hope to the ones with no hope. A woman who would console with a simple touch, a hug and even a smile.

I believe that I have been robbed of a strong soul and great inspiration. My wish would have been for my grandmother to meet my friends and children given the chance. My grandmother passed away when I was 27 years old and this life event had great impact on the life I live today. I wish my grandmother was still around so we could celebrate birthdays, Christmas and small get together, however this was taken away from me due to the negligence of the hospital staff that provided contaminated blood to my poor grandmother. I miss her dearly everyday and my life changed forever the day she was taken form us.

I feel the money should be given to the victims and families of this malpractice as intended to assist with any financial struggles took on during the period of time the poor blood transfusion occurred. It is the victims and their family's rights to be taken care of by our government when malpractice occurs.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2015 9:23 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** 86/90

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Strosberg:
My late husband [redacted] and myself were co-presidents of the Hemophilia chapter of Nova Scotia and spear headed the hep c compensation battle. We launched our own private lawsuit after failure of our provincial government to step up to the plate and do the right thing. Nova Scotia broke rank with HIV victims. The compensation package for tainted blood victims sadly lacks in some areas. If there is an excess of funds i would like to see my children's University educations paid for. My two youngest girls are still pursuing higher education. My late husband left me two pissant pensions. I am luckier than most survivors. [redacted] and I always stressed that point. We had good medical coverage and a dental and vision plan. I have always resented the present plans sharing of the loss of services/loss of income with my children. If there is an abundance in the fund I shouldn't have to share that portion and live on what is considered low income. If [redacted] were alive today his income and retirement benefits would be more substancial than what I presently receive.I also resent the administrator asking for my present spouses information and taxes. I consider this an invasion of his privacy.this package was not what we wanted but what we were given based on government legal liability. I am extremely interested in what you can do for the survivors and ant way I can help please feel free to call.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 6:56 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** [redacted]

Dear Mr. Strosberg:
I have a few more items with the current plan that should be addressed. I know from personal experience that the average funeral cost is at least ten thousand dollars not 6700.. I know here in Nova Scotia to hire a handyman for any maitenance or work on my house since [redacted] passed away costs me between 40.00 to 45.00 an hour whether it is mowing a lawn, trimming trees, or having the driveway plowed. If [redacted] was not infected and deceased this would not be a concern. I would have kept my job , which was close to our home and very accommodating. I would also like to see the plan set up free unlimited psychological services for survivors. I am fortunate that [redacted] medical plan transferred to me and I have access to these services. I could not leave my home for two years after his death unless it was for groceries, my daughter's soccer schedule, or to pay bills. I couldn't even speak to someone of the opposite sex without hyperventilating. I have a son who at 27 years old is an alcoholic because of his guilt over his teenage behavior and the hell he put his father through growing up. [redacted] and I always said there is the infected and there is the affected.
Sincerely
[redacted]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 12:56 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** answer for invocation

Dear Mr. Strosberg

I believe that the profit aliquot on the classes and family class members should be split.
Please inform me about decision of the court.

Best regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

August 31, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE LOSS OF MY MOTHER HAS CAUSED ALOT OF STRESS IN MY LIFE. I FELL INTO DEEP DEPRESSION, BECAME PSYCHOTIC FROM NOT TAKING MY MEDS REGULARLY. IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR ME TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. THANKS TO MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS AND ALL THE SUPPORT I RECEIVE FROM MY SISTER [redacted] I WOULDNT OF MADE IT THIS FAR. IN THE PAST MY MOTHER AND I WOULD EAT AND TAKE OUR MEDICINE TOGETHER. WITH HAVING SCIZOPHRENIA, BIPOLAR AND BEING A DIABETIC IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO MANAGE. NOW I AM ON INSULIN BECAUSE I DID NOT REGULATE MY SUGAR. WITH MY SUGAR BEING OUT OF CONTROL I DEVELOPED CELLULITIS. IF OSTEOMYELITIS WENT UNTREATED AND NO ONE CARED TO CHECK UP ON ME THIS WOULD OF LEAD TO A GREATER ISSUE, POSSIBLE EVEN LOSING MY TOE. RECENTLY I WAS RELEASED FROM THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD AFTER A FEW MONTH STAY. HOPEFULLY EVERYTHING STAYS IN CONTROL AS LIVE GOES ON.

-SINCERLY [redacted]

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 1:49 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hep C surplus funds

To whom it may concern,

My name is [redacted] I am the eldest grandchild of [redacted] I am writing to you in regards to the surplus of funds that have been leftover from the tainted blood class action lawsuit.

I feel that the surplus of monies should be disbursed amongst all the families (children & grandchildren) related to the victims of the tainted blood syndrome class action lawsuit. Here are just a few of the many reasons why:

My grandmother was not only my grandmother, she was my mother, my bestfriend, and confidante. She is now deceased as of Nov 25, 2010, thanks to the inefficiency of our government, and their inadequacies, of implementing proper procedures to ensure the quality of blood my Grandmother and others would receiving was safe. Instead my grandmother received blood that was tainted. In turn, she contracted Hep C and sclerosis of the liver. From that moment my life as I once new it changed forever. This began the 21yr cycle of around the clock care for her. My Grandmother no longer was the fun, independent, vibrant woman she once was. The pain and suffering she endured over the years, was absolutely agonizing and intolerable. She needed to be bathed, changed, and cared for 24/7. I lived with her for 7yrs in my early 20's. I cleaned, cooked, shopped, did lawn care, bathed, and fed her most times. All of these things I would do over and over again to have her back.

Due to her health being so poor for so long, and each issue having a snowball effect, she missed the best years of any grandmother and grandchild's life. She was unable to see the birth of my child, or even be near the hospital, because she might have caught something to make her health even worse.

She was unable to partake in Sunday functions at church, where we regularly attended each week, prior to her contracting Hep C.

This not only affected her life emotionally, mentally, and physically, but it affected mine also. I am 44yrs old, and have been on and off of antidepressants since I was 21yrs old, due to depression and anxiety. By 23yrs old, I went through Brentwood, which is an addiction recovery home. I turned alcohol to deal with the stress of my home life, as my life was put on hold to care for my Grandmother.

During the last few years of her life much of it was spent in the hospitals. I would run from work to school to the hospital with my little 5yr old girl. I was a single mother. I helped care for and bathe my Grandmother and my Mother simultaneously, as my mother had a stroke and was hospitalized as well. We spent my daughter's 5th birthday at the hospital that year so that my Grandma and mom would not be excluded. For a young child that was difficult and taxing on us both.

In closing, I would like to say that there will never be enough money in the world to replace the loss of my Grandmother. Nor will the surplus of money if dispersed to the families bring her back to me. The loss of her is as raw as it was the day I watched her leave this earth. However, I do believe in my heart of hearts that my Grandmother who was a generous and kind soul would have wanted the monies to be divided fairly to each of the family members that were affected from Hep C and involved with this lawsuit.

Warmest regards,

[redacted]

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To Whom This May Concern:

My mother, [redacted], contacted Hepatitis C back in the 1980's which was caused by tainted blood. Mom recieved the virus through a blood Transfusion. My mother began to experience flu-like symtoms. She never felt good and She began to visit the doctor to find out why She was feeling so ill all the time. Dr. Carter, who was her physician at the time, kept telling her to lose weight and that it was due to her obesity. She continued for years to ask the doctor until finally the family began irate because She was obviously ill and we felt he was not investigating the illness to determine the cause. My mother finally tried a last ditch effort at a eye reader that could detect illness in the eyes, if there was any. The eye reader expressed that she was a very sick women and needed to demand to see a specialist. The specialist and the family doctor, Dr. Carter, debated over the findings. The specialist saw that she had cirrhosis to the liver and Dr. Carter could not believe it because she never drank alcohol. After much debate it was confirmed that she indeed had cerrhosis due to Hepatitis C. The cirrohosis advanced and she began to decline in health so bad that the toxins began to build up and she became in-flated. She had so much scar tissue on her liver that it couldn't filter anymore. My mother's legs began to swell up and the pores in her skin became so enlarged from poision leaking out of them that it started to drain out of her pores like a tap. One night I brought her into the hospital because she became too ill to stay at home any longer and her legs began to smell really bad. We thought that she may lose her legs. I brought her to Grace Hospital in Windsor and they transported her to the University Hospital in London, Ontario. They sent her home with a beeper for a new liver. They wanted to give her a liver transplant. My mother had her mother who resided with her, my brother, whom of both who had Schizophrenia and my father as well who depended on her to care for them. I had to care for my father, grandmother, and brother while my mother was ill and in the hospital. I had a family of my own also to care for. Within a short time her beeper for her new liver went off, they had found a match for her and we were all estatic that she would have a second chance at life. My mother recieved her transplant which was extremely stressful on the family The doctors explained to us that she had only 3 months to live with her old liver and they also found cancer. We would drive 2 hours back and forth commuting in the dead of winter to go and visit her. I can remember swerving all over the

401 Highway in a ice storm with my father who was going through a tremendously stressful period in his life. I could remember being so stressed that I couldn't pass my test for a job at General Motors Trim Plant because I was full of anxiety and worry that I couldn't concentrate. My body was depleted from stress.

My mother spent 6 months in the University Hospital in London. We commuted back and forth to visit her. In the meantime we continued to care for my father, brother and grandmother, who had mental illness. My mother arrived home after 6 months but although we were grateful to have her back with us

She never felt good again. My mother continued to feel the effects of now the drugs, the liver transplant and the Hepatitis C. She wasn't able to do her own housework and she had to quit her job, which she had loved, because she could no longer stand for long periods of time. We even tried to get her to ~~wa~~ walk but that was too much for her. My mother became very needy and my father passed away in 1991, due to a massive heart attack. My mother continues to care for her mother and my brother in her home which both were sick with mental illness. I did housework for my mother and cared for her when she began to get very ill. My mother lived

22 years with her new liver. I believe she lived that many years because she believed in God & took care of herself. The transplant team said that people who believed in God seemed to fair better than the ones that didn't.

The last 6 years of my mother's life was a living hell. I had stayed with my grandfather who died of lung cancer and there was no comparison to the suffering my mother underwent. My mother got diverticulosis after a interferon treatment she had to arrest the deteriotion of her second liver. She had diarrhea from the diverticulosis which confined her to her home most of the time for 6 years. Her body slowly →

succumbed to her illness, Hepatitis C, to the point where the toxins would build up in her system. Then she would take lactolose to excrete the poisons out of her liver. She frequently was in and out of the hospital for 6 years. She had been found at home unconcious in her bathroom on the floor unconscious barely alive. The ambulance drivers brought her to the hospital where they had put her on life support. She kept going in and out of the hospital until she no longer could stay at home. There was one time when they administered the wrong drugs to her. They gave her a generic brand, when she was allergic. She broke out with hives filled with blood all over her body. They would itch and drip out all over her body. She endured alot of suffering. alot of times the nurses didn't have time to give my mother a bath because she required special care because of Hepatitis C. My mother finally died Nov 25 2010 after a long and tumulteous battle with her illness.

Now you ask what my opinion is of what you think the goverment should do with the surplus of money? Although we were eternally grateful to have our mother for the extended years she had. I believe the surplus of money left over rightly belongs to the victims and their families for the loss of my mother's life the loss of her relationship with hers and

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that we could have had and would have had with her.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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| **From:** | [redacted] |
| **Sent:** | Monday, August 31, 2015 3:27 PM |
| **To:** | Hepatitis C Class Action |
| **Subject:** | Hep8690 |

Good afternoon Mr. Strosberg,

I am writing in regard to the Hepc Joint committee application for the potential dispersal of funds for the surplus that was found to exist in the account.

I feel that any surplus should be dispersed to the members of the plan. The amount of the monies should be tied to the level of disease that a member has so far experienced. Thus, the model would duplicate the same system already in place which compensates for disease level.

Thank-you, [redacted]

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To Whom It may Concern

I am writing in reponse to the letter, that I recieved about the Joint Committee for Hepatitis C Settlement.

[redacted] We missed many years with her. She missed knowing her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Time we all could have spent together, laughing and loving one another. We are the ones that had to put our lives back together.

So as far as I am concerned, the family members should get the money..

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PAINFUL MEMORIES - BLOODY NOSES
SWOLLEN LEGS & BELLY
SWOLLEN HANDS
CRACKED BLEEDING FINGERS
CRYING + HEADACHES, CHRONIC
HERNIA, BLOOD TRANSFUSION
SICK TO HER STOMACH ALL THE
TIME, NAUSEAU, DOCTOR APPNTS,

TRIPS TO LONDON, SKIN COLOUR, TRANSPLANT CONSTANT NOSEBLEEDS, HEMORRAGES, DIAHERIA, ALWAYS TIRED, TOO TIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANYTHING EXHAUSTED BEFORE THE DAY BEGINS + ENDS. NEEDS HELP TO WALK, TO PUT HER CLOTHE ON, TO GO TO BATHROOM, TO PUT DISHES AWAY, TO MAKE MEALS, TO COOK, TO CLEAN, TO EAT, TO SLEEP, ETC, ETC, DAILY LIVING. TO EAT, TO SIT, TO STAND, TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B. THEN SHE STARTING FALLING NO BODY HOME + SHES ALONE + WE DONT KNOW HOW LONG SHE LAID ON CEMENT FLOOR. Many nights we were dragged from our beds and our sleep to go attend hep C. because it ravaged our mother until it took her life and in the end we watch as every ~~orfice~~ orfice bled out from her eyes, ears mouth & nose because the blood aneurysm.. that was 4x the size of mine burst upon her death - and hep C gave us one last miserable memory

So you see Sir, we have all suffered. I am now paralysed on the left side from a brain aneurysm and I used to help Mom from the time I was 6 yrs. old and worked with her for 23 yrs. in the same building at Versa Foods Services. I did a lot for her there as well because she was ill. I know her better than anybody because I am her oldest daughter and spent a lot of time at work and after work and at home with her. I was also one of the executors of her estate along with my older brother [redacted]. I strongly feel the surplus belongs to the families because there were so many things Mom needed and did without because she was unaware of what she was entitled to or qualified for so she suffered without and cried needlessly. I drove her to a place in Tecumseh to buy a lift chair to make her life easier because I was working in (homecare at the time) so she could get her leg up and it would lift her to a standing position and reserve some of her energy. She bought the chair and loved it. She didn't get to use it long. On November 25th 2010, Hep C WON, we gathered around for the last time to kiss her goodbye and blood poured out from every opening on her face - her eyes, ears, mouth, nose DAMN THAT HEPC. Her aneurysm burst + we did not get to kiss her goodbye! THATS OUR MEMORY

I am the oldest girl, and I stand 2nd oldest of six children of [redacted]. I am also one of the executors of the estate of [redacted] [redacted]. I worked with her side by side for 23 of her 30 yrs. at Versa Foods until I was injured with a back injury and had to leave my job. She continued to work but off + on and not for long because I was not there to help her. You see, I was the one that carried her load because she was too sick and I was the one she relied on to get this and go get that and run for this and carry that for me. She wore me out, but she was my mom and I did it with pleasure not always, but I did it! She also came into the hospital maternity room to deliver my first born. She stayed with me for 14 hrs. while my daughter (was her first grandchild that she delivered.) She was an amazing woman but she won't see her grandchildren grow up and see them have babies because shes gone. She cannot go on vacations with us because she was too sick, she could not stand up her legs were too swollen, her nose would bleed if you took her out to eat blood would pour from her nose + you could not stop it. It ruined your appetite. We could not find underwear to fit her 350 lb. body, so my sister + I with no sewing experience made her a pair of underwear and it took us a whole weekend to make them. We used terrycloth towels and sewed them together because we looked all over Windsor and could not find anything big enough to fit her. She blew up so big and suffered so much that I think it killed my Dad just looking at her. This disease has affected the whole family and we have all suffered in every way shape and form. It has tore us apart and I think the surplus should belong to the families that suffered too! I can write a book on the suffering of Hepatitis. and what I have seen from Windsor to London Ontario.

[redacted]

Sept 1, 2015

Dear Mr Strosberg;

My name is [redacted]
(D.O.B.) Sept, 9, 1965, (Address)
[redacted]

I'm writting to you in regards to the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement. For N years it was hard enough to watch the mental anguish that our mother whent through, not to mentiom my own.

I spent the first 39 years of my life, living at home helping my parents take care of my one and only sibling, my big brother. It was hard enough with him being a hemophiliact, watching him slowly becoming mare & more of a cripple each year that pasted, but when the call came form the South Western Ont. hemophiliact Program telling him he had to go for a blood test because he just infused that ~~that~~ spesifict lot number of factor IX just 15 minutes earlier. Our entire world came crashing in!

We all knew he had just been handed a death sentence!

About a years latter, I thought I was having a heart attack. When I whent to the E.R., thankfuly it was not a heart attack, but I pulled one of the muscles around my heart from the stress I was under because of what was happening to my brother, [redacted].

My Brother passed away on Dec, 22ND, 2004. Even though it has been just over 10 years ago, the pain is still there, as if it just happened yesterday. He was not just my brother, but my best friend!

No monies can replace this in anyway shape or form, but with myself being the sole surviving care giver and on a full disability my self. And since my brother saw no monies from the Hep-C Settlement. I fell that some of the monies should be fairly distributed among the surviving care givers of thier loved ones

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter

Sincerley; [redacted]

[redacted]

My name is [redacted] Four of my brothers caught hep c from tainted unchecked blood, [redacted]. My brother [redacted] already lost his life due to this disease. I watched him from a man full of life to needing care like a baby, and spending his last few years in hospital. I personally could have used financial help at the time to visit him while he was in Halifax for his liver transplant and while he was in st john's hospital. Our family have went through many trying times because of someones neglect. I remember the day [redacted] doctor told us that [redacted] only had a few weeks to live and we had to tell Him,I don't think any families should have to go through this. We live with fear everyday of losing another brother to this disease. I believe that all the surplus money should be given to the class members and class members families so that they would have all the support that would needed.

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DEAR SIR:

MY WISH IS TO APPLY EQUALLY THE PROCEEDS FROM THE HEP "C" FUND. I WAS INFECTED BY THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION ON MAY 4, 1989 AT THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL AFTER MITRAL VALVE OPERATION, FIRST OPERATION ON VALVE WAS ON APRIL 11 [illegible] 1989.

YOURS TRULY

[redacted]

ATTENTION: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN TO ADDRESS A VERY POORLY MANAGED AND OPERATED BLOOD CARE SYSTEM IN CANADA. ONE THAT SHOULD OF NEVER HAD LEFT TO DETERIORATE THIS FAR TO ALLOW SUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING OF THOSE WHO WERE FORCED TO TRUST THE SYSTEM TO BE LEFT DOWN, DISEASED, SICK UNABLE TO WORK, FUNCTION, LAUGH AND ENJOY LIFE LIKE THEY ONCE DID. NOW THEY ARE DISABLED OR DICEASED.

MY MOTHERS LIFE CHANGED IN 1987 AFTER SHE RECEIVED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION FROM AN HERNIA OPERATION AND CONTACTED HEPATITIS C. SHE EXPERIENCED NOSE BLEEDS, RED SPOTS APPEARED ON HER FACE. FELT FATIGUE, WEAKNESS, TIRENESS, HAD JOINT AND MUSCLE PAINS. THERE WAS SO MUCH DISCOMFORT AT THE LIVER SITE ASSOCIATED WITH LEG CRAMPS, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SLEEP DISTURBANCES WHICH MADE HER IRRITABLE. AT TIMES SHE WOULD HAVE CHILLS SWEAT HOT / COLD. HER EYE SIGHT WAS DETERIORATED, SEVERE OSTEOARTHRITIS WAS AFFECTING HER MOBILITY. DOCTORS FOUND MY MOM ALSO HAD PERIPHERAL

VASCULAR DISEASE RELATED TO HEPATITIS C. THE FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS CONTINUED EVERY DAY. WITH HEAD ACHES. FEVER, WAS SLOW IN HEALING AND RECOVERY, BRUISED EASILY, WAS SUSCEPTABLE TO ILLNESS, GAINED WEIGHT, HAD WATER RETENTION IN HER FEET, ABDOMEN AND LEGS, FELT NAUSEA, LOST HER APPETITE, BLOATED IN THE ABDOMEN AND HAD DIARREA HER LIVER WAS SO BADLY SCARED THAT THERE WAS NODULES OF CANCER.

THE LAST YEAR OF MY MOTHERS LIFE WERE SPENT IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITALS. IF I DID NOT CHECK IN ON MY MOM THE DOCTORS WOULD FAIL TO GIVE MY MOM THE MEDICINE SHE SHOULD BE TAKING. AT ONE TIME DR AHMED INVESTIGATED WHY HER BLOOD COUNT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGH, AROUND 3000, BUT AT THAT TIME SHE WAS GIVEN LARGE DOSES OF STEROIDS FOR NO CLEAR REASON TO HIM. THEY WERE HELD AND HER WHITE CELL COUNT CAME DOWN TO AROUND 11. ON ANOTHER DAY DR McFARLANE HAD MY MOTHER TAKING CEFTAZIDIME. DR AHMED COULD NOT FIGURE OUT WHY SHE WAS TAKING THAT ANTIBIOTIC. MY MOTHER BROKE OUT WITH A RASH AND BOILS FULL OF BLOOD AND LIQUID. THE ITCH AND PAIN WAS UNBEARABLE. DR LIANG STOPPED GIVING MY MOTHER LACTULOSE AND MY MOTHERS AMONIA LEVELS WENT UP TO 144. AFTER I COMPLAINED THEY PUT HER BACK ON IT AND HER LEVELS CAME DOWN TO 14. THEN HE TOKE HER OFF TYLENOL WHICH SHE SO

DESPERATELY NEEDED. LATER I CALLED
A MEETING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE
SERVICE MY MOTHER WAS RECEIVING
AND SHE WAS BACK ON TYLENOL. ON
ANOTHER OCCASION MY MOTHER BROKE
OUT WITH OPEN SORES ON HER LEGS.
HER LEGS WERE SWOLLEN AND FLUID WAS
DRAINING FROM THEM. I WOULD GO
TO HER HOUSE AFTER WORK EACH NIGHT
MASSAGE AND WRAP THEM WITH TOWELS
BECAUSE HER BEDDING WOULD BE DRENCHED.
IN 1993 I WOULD GO TO MY MOTHERS HOUSE
FOR SIX MONTHS AND INJECT HER WITH
INTERFERON. I ACCIDENTLY PRICKED MY FINGER
AFTER INJECTING HER. AFTER GOING FOR
TESTS I FOUND I DIDNT HAVE THE VIRIS.
THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN MY LIFE
BECAUSE MY HUSBAND WAS DYING FROM A VERY
RARE LUNG CANCER AT A YOUNG AGE.
THERE WERE MANY DAYS AND NIGHTS I SPENT
WITH CARING FOR MY DEAR MOTHER. AT TIMES
I WOULD BE WITH HER ALL NIGHT AT THE
HOSPITAL ANG GO TO WORK AND SET THE
LINES UP AT GM. FEEL VERY GRATEFULL
TO OF HAD MY MOTHER FOR TWENTY ONE
YEARS LONGER BUT ON THE SAME TOKEN I
WISH SHE DID'NT HAVE TO DIE THIS WAY
SUFFERING NEEDLESSLY WITH ALL THE
AFFLICTIONS AND COMPLICATIONS THAT COME
WITH THIS DESEASE. ONE MOTHER IN
TORONTO LOST 3 PROFESSIONAL YOUNG MEN
THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS. ONE DIED

WITH AIDS. THIS STILL LAYS HEAVY ON MY HEART. TODAY. HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THIS WHEN THERE WAS PREVENTION, YET WE CAN TAKE IN ALL THESE REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND GIVE THEM MEDICAL, FOOD, SHELTER AND MORE MONEY A MONTH TO LIVE ON ALONG WITH SPENDING MONEY. OUR OWN CANADIAN PEOPLE RECEIVE LESS. THIS IS WHERE ARE TAX MONEY GOES. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY OR JOBS FOR OUR OWN PEOPLE. THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM. IT HAS FAILED US TREMENDOUSLY. MY MOTHER WAS A GODLY PERSON. SHE WAS MY BEST FEMALE FRIEND. WE WENT TO CHURCH TOGETHER, TRAVELED, HAD LOTS OF GREAT TIMES TO GETHER BEFORE SHE HAD THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

OVER THE YEARS THE DESEASE HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL ON US ALL FOR ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING AGGRAVATION IT HAS CAUSED THE MONEY WAS INTENDED FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WERE INFECTED WITH HCV AND THE FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS IS WHERE IT SHOULD GO. ACCORDING TO THE TRAN 2 FORM PAPER DISEASE LEVEL 6 MY MOTHER SHOULD OF QUALIFIED AT THAT LEVEL IN 1989 WHEN SHE HAD HER TRANSPLANT. THIS ALSO WILL BE ATTACHED. THE REST IS IN GODS HANDS.

SINCERELY,

[redacted]

OUR LAST VISIT TO LONDON OCT 12/2010
WITH DR GHENT AND HIS WIFE [redacted].
HE WAS AN AMAZING WONDERFUL DOCTOR.
MUCH THANKS GOES TO HIM FOR ALL HIS
HELP AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.
MY MOTHERS LOOKS CHANGED DRASTICALLY
FROM ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING SHE
HAD TO ENDURE. I AM SURE GOD HAS
A SPECIAL PLACE UP IN HEAVEN FOR HER.

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 1:36 PM
**To:** kp@toughcounsel.com
**Cc:** Hepatitis C Class Action; jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; info@savonitto.com
**Subject:** 1986-1990 Hepatatis C Settlement Agreement - Phase 2 Sufficiency Schedule

To whom it may concern,
This email serves to provide my input and opinion on how the original settlement fell short and how the surplus should be allocated.
My father, [redacted], passed away at the very young age of 63 in the year 2000, after contracting HEPC from a blood transfusion. He died at a time when he should have been preparing to retire and enjoying his life. He never got to do that. Not by any fault of his own, but by the mistakes of the health care system. My father was not ready to die and we, his wife, his children and grandchildren were not ready for him to die.
Sorry, the below email was originally sent to the wrong email address.

When my father was first diagnosed, the doctors were convinced that he was an alcoholic and accused him of such. Thought he was lying when he denied it. They called my mother and his three children into a meeting to further accuse him to us and asked us to verify that he was not an alcoholic. This was a horrible time, when we first found out when his liver was failing and the doctors would not put him on a transplant list because they did not know about nor understand HepC and kept accusing him of being a drunk. My family was devasted by this treatment.
My father died at a time when I and his grandchildren needed him most. i was going through a very difficult divorce and my children needed their grandparents. My father was gone but my mother was also grieving and not available to help or comfort us.
I have four children. The oldest two got to have their grandfather for 12-15 years and miss him every day. My younger two don't remember him. But in either case, they wish they had him to take them camping and fishing etc. All their friends have a grandfather and he is missing from their lives and they feel it every day.
I got re-married and wanted my father to see that I am finally happy and have a good man. He will never get to see that.

My new husband has essentially become my mother's husband as well. He cuts her lawn, he does all her chores and repairs.
The cost my father's life? For his children $5,000 and his grandchildren $500. I think that was very unfair.
There is no price on a life, no amount of money that can bring him back, but $5,000 and $500 respectively is a slap in the face.
Other people who contracted HEPC by their own fault got compensated a heck of a lot more than those of us who had no choice.
Respectfully,
[redacted]

To the Joint Committee,

I still hesitate before I say aloud or type the words "Hepatitis C". When I was 19, my face would flood with blood any time I heard the word Hepatitis, and it took a counselor to bring me to physically say the words "Hepatitis C" out loud. It is painful for me to talk about something that I've habitually kept a secret from my close friends and extended family members since I was young due to the negative stigma associated with the virus and also my fear of it. Yet I feel my experience living with Hepatitis C (Hep C) is unique and worth sharing. I also suspect that other class members struggle to speak about this topic and hope my experience might speak for some of them as well.

In order to address which areas of the settlement that I feel fall short, I feel I must first address how the contraction of Hep C has impacted me personally, as it is my belief that it is the impersonal nature of the compensation fund distribution and aid offered to class members that fails to fully meet the specific needs of each class member, especially in unique cases.

I would like to discuss this problem through my own experience, unique in the sense that I have suffered immensely, not as much from symptoms of the virus itself, but from treatments for Hep C, coping with my fear associated with having Hep C, and ongoing conditions that by medical standards are considered to be indirectly related to the virus. As a result, I have not qualified for additional compensation, other than to cover medical costs deemed appropriate. In my opinion, due to the lack of acknowledgement for the complex and unexpected health implications related not only to contracting Hep C, but living with and treating Hep C, I am perhaps one of many to have slipped through the cracks of this government aid system.

I first discovered that I had Hep C when I was 7 years old. I learned that I contracted Hep C through a blood transfusion at birth and have had Hepatitis my entire life. I can remember crying as I ran home from school one day in grade 5, because a Hepatitis vaccination nurse showed the class an educational video that used a cartoon monster to represent Hep B, and an uglier monster to represent Hep C. That monster depiction was how I understood the virus that I had as a 10-year-old, and the thought manifested as a great burden of fear in me. My anxiety over the matter persisted throughout my youth.

During my second year of university, I underwent the only available medical treatment at the time: 10 months on Interferon and Ribavirin. The physical symptoms of this treatment are known to be horrific, but for me, it was the psychological side effects that were particularly devastating. This treatment had a profound impact on my self-confidence, social engagement, and an already deep-seated anxiety. I reflect upon this period of my life as one of great loss. When contemplating the decision to undergo treatment, I thought about the side effects of the drug, the timeline, and I measured out the pros and cons. I took some time to imagine what it might be like to have the treatment and how relieved I'd feel to rid my body of that cartoon monster that I still felt possessed by, silenced by.

In practice, the experience of the treatment is far more brutal than what I had imagined. Before agreeing to the Hep C treatment, I didn't account for the isolation I would feel, or for the friendships that would fall apart when I wasn't myself, or for the lasting mental distress that wouldn't go away, even after my hair grew back and the treatment was completed. I didn't realize that I would be trading that Hep C monster for a series of new ones. I didn't account for these things because they aren't detailed on the treatment's list of side effects.

It has been 4 years since I've completed the treatment and my mental health has continued to suffer. I have been diagnosed with severe anxiety disorder, panic attacks, depression, and generalized anxiety disorder. I have suffered persistent long-term physical side effects from anxiety, including burning skin sensation, numbness in my hands, feet, and lips, chest tightness, fatigue, insomnia, muscle tightness, and pelvic floor dysfunction. Above all, my pelvic floor dysfunction has been the most challenging physical manifestation of anxiety. It took several years, five urologists, two emergency visits, and countless hours of diagnostic testing and surgical procedures to diagnose. It causes debilitating pelvic pain, severe urinary frequency, urinary urgency, sexual dysfunction, and has served as a barrier to my employment, romantic relationships, as well as to carrying out my daily life.

As you can see, the way in which Hepatitis C has affected me has been complex. It has been an ongoing domino effect of health problems. In the last year especially, I've spent the majority of my time either in bed or seeking medical attention. I've struggled to hold down a full time job, provide for myself as an adult, and I continue to do so. I have not been compensated for these disabilities since they are not covered by "the 1986/1990 Hepatitis C Class Act", and consequently our government wrings their hands of responsibility.

On top of all that, because I underwent the Hep C treatment before completing university, and have suffered from impaired health ever since, I have never been employed long enough to qualify for disability leave through an employer, employment insurance, or any other social aid program other than the "1986/1990 Hep C Class Act". Indeed, these funds have played a vital role in my survival, allowing me to provide for myself in times of unemployment. However, I have been living on my own for 7 years, and in that time have spent the majority of my compensation money. It is only a matter of time before those funds evaporate entirely, and I'm left with nothing but my disabilities and no safety net.

Given all of the above, it is of my opinion that the surplus of funds goes towards the following:

1. Research that seeks to understand the entire impact of Hepatitis on one's life (beyond the medically listed symptoms) with a focus on the indirect physical and medical consequences of having Hepatitis C, and the entire impact of all Hepatitis treatments on Class Members' lives.

2. Providing a social aid program that seeks social and financial support for class members who require additional aid due unforeseen consequences arising from contracting Hepatitis C, especially in cases where class members do not qualify for additional compensation under the 1986/1990 Class Act.

3. To the class members themselves, as it is my belief that the amount of compensation distributed does not account for the entire impact of Hepatitis on one's life, including indirect symptoms and the mental distress associated with having Hepatitis C.

Thank you very much. I hope you take my letter into careful consideration.

[redacted]

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3/15

HEP C 86/90 JOINT COMMITEE.

I FEEL ALL THE SURPLUS SHOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE CLASS MEMBERS AND FAMILY CLASS MEMBERS.

IT IS OUR LAW SUIT AND WE WON.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WOULD WANT TO KEEP THIS MONEY IN TRUST.

WHO WOULD THEY KEEP IT FOR?

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED.

[redacted]

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SEP 10 2015
SUTTS, STROSBERG LLP

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Dear Mr. Strosberg, & Joint Com

I want to Thankyou for your
support and commitment to the Cl
Members and Family Class Memb
regarding the Hepatitis C Settle

I n my opinion I firmly believe
there is a surplus in this Trust F
ould without a doubt be award
Class Members First (if there are
surviving??) then some of the surp
should be awarded to the Family memb
who had to watch and endure the Pain,
Suffering and the Loss of Our Loved Ones
due to the needless infection of Hep C

Thankyou again for considering our
input.

Sincerel

[redacted]

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 11:29 AM
**To:** hepc@strosbergco.com
**Subject:** Fw: re:"The Joint Committee want to Hear From You"

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Original Claim# 6780 Sept 04,2015

Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I was advised by "Carol" in the office of the Administrator at Hep"C' Centre; That You Mr. Strosberg, would be a committee member, responsible for New Brunswick Claimants; and that I should get in touch with you.

I am the Approved HCV Personal Representative as well as the Dependent of the deceased HCV Infected Class Member, who was my husband [redacted], He passed away on March 13,1999.Of Hep"C".

I was receiving a compensation for loss of services in the Home,( Beside the original compensation payment).

I received full compensation up to the end of 2010, paid at the beginning of 2011.

However I was advised that for 2011 ,I would only received" part" payment up to March 31,2011. That was the DATE that I was told that the PRIMARY INFECTED PERSON's LIFE EXPECTANCY would be reached.FINAL Payment compensation for" Jan,Feb&Mar 2011" was received in february 2012.

My husband passed on March 13,1999, he would have been 72 years old on March 19.

So on March 31,2011. should he had lived; he would have been 84 year old ."Being born on March19,1927".

WHO KNOWS HOW LONG HE WOULD HAVE LIVED??? One thing is sure..... He did not deserved to die with HEP"C"

The last 9 months of his life was pure torture ,he was hospitalised for the whole time ,being between life & death.

He got into" Coted Mode" so many time,The staff at the Hospital would call and tell me that if I wanted to see him one last time that I should get to the hospital immediatelly; I would naturally. But often; after a while,they would tell me" He made it once more!". I averaged my visits four time a day to the hospital; and I had a business to take care off.

He passed away at 3 am. on March13, 1999. I was with HIM. My husband was born in Poland and was a Holocaust survivor.He came to Canada in 1948,and was a Canadian citizen.

I can assure you that my husband sickness as well as his early death affected me in many ways. Mentaly ,Physicaly & Financialy. I was born on May 07,1941;I am now 74 years old.

This letter " The Joint Committee Wants to Hear From You", was great news to me .I would be quite please If I would qualify for extra compensations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me If you need more Informations. I would appreciate that you would LET ME KNOW IF I QUALIFY FOR Extra Funds.

Thank You

Sincerely [redacted]

I would very much appreciate if you would " Please confirm reception of this letter " Thanks.

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 05, 2015 9:52 AM
**To:** jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; info@savonitto.com; Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the matter of the surplus from the Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement funds.

I am the daughter of [redacted] who died of Hepatitis C complications in 1999, after having received an infected unit of blood during surgery several years earlier. I helped nurse him until the time of his death and saw how much he suffered as the result of this infection. He had stated sadly to my Mom, upon hearing about the possibility of a settlement payment, that he would never see that money, but that he hoped she would get enough to help her for the remainder of her life. My Mom is now 87 years old and has lived without her husband for 15 years. She did, after a very painful and difficult application process, receive funds from the Settlement agreement, which continued for several years. She had expected it for a longer time, but was told there had been an administrative error, and the funds stopped. I do not understand why the funds did not carry on until her death, as she is still without her husband.

I also believe that the $5,000 paid to the children of the Hepatitis C patients was not really an adequate amount. My brothers and I lost the love and guidance of our Father, my children lost their beloved Grandpa. This loss has left a great hole in all of our lives. I know that no amount can bring him back, or adequately compensate for his loss, but at the time, it almost seemed that the amount given was an insult, rather than a gesture of compensation.

I am sure there are many others who feel the way I do. Although much of the anger I have felt because of the senselessness of my Father's illness has passed, the loss and the grief are still present.

I am thankful that much advancement has been made in the cure for Hepatitis C, and only wish it had come in time for my Father. If more work is needed in this direction, it would seem right that some of the funds could be used to search for further treatments and cures. However, as the money was set aside for victims and families of Hepatitis C infection, I believe that, at least, more of it should be given to those it was intended for.

Again, thank you for requesting and considering my input. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this email address [redacted] or by phone at [redacted] I have moved, so my current street address is [redacted]

Sincerely, [redacted]

[redacted]

September 7, 2015

Joint Committee Member
Kathryn Podrebarac
Via email: kp@toughcounsel.com

Dear Joint Committee Member:

Thank you for your letter "The Joint Committee Wants to Hear from You" received August, 2015. I appreciate the opportunity to provide information and input.

I am a 65 year-old male diagnosed with hemophilia at birth. Hemophiliacs are reliant on blood products to sustain life. It was devastating news when I learned that I had contracted hepatitis C from Blood I received in Canada *in 1986* while using blood products to treat major and minor bleeds.

Generally speaking, hemophiliacs have continued to suffer long after the Hepatitis C Settlement was reached on June 15, 1999. Those of us with chronic hepatitis C experience lives that are not only extremely challenging, but also unpredictable. It is also worthy to note that the mental anguish and distress we feel does not diminish over time. Since receiving tainted blood, we have been diagnosed with fibrosis and are at high risk for developing cirrhosis of the liver, liver cancer and/or end-stage liver disease. I understand that research is beginning to show that individuals fortunate enough to be cleared from the effects of the hepatitis C virus are experiencing a higher level of mental impairment amongst those with this chronic infection.

Personally, I have completed two grueling and lengthy hepatitis treatment regimes since contracting hepatitis C. The first treatment, completed in 2004, was unsuccessful and necessitated a long and stressful waiting period while a new treatment protocol was developed. This new protocol was not available to me until August 2013. I completed the year-long treatment in July 2014. During both treatment periods, I experienced many significant negative side effects/symptoms including the following: extreme fatigue, anemia, short-term memory issues, headaches, pyrexia, myalgia, rigors, insomnia, nausea, alopecia, irritability, arthralgia, anorexia, dermatitis, itching, depression, mood swings, and hypothyroidism. I have been unable to work since starting the treatment in 2013.

It has been slightly more than one year since I completed the latest regime. I am pleased to report that this treatment was successful; however, I continue to suffer significant symptoms on a daily basis and I am coming to terms with the possibility that they may not diminish over time.

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In August 2015, I participated in an in-depth neuropsychological testing session and it was reported that identified mental impairment and cognitive deficits are suspect of hepatic dysfunction secondary to hepatitis C.

Over the last several months, I have had four significant falls which were attributed to on-going weakness from the 2013 hepatitis treatment regime. I am participating in a scheduled physical therapy program to strengthen specific muscle groups. As well, I am now required to take medications for hypothyroidism; another complication from the treatment.

In closing, I would like to say that hepatitis C is a life altering disease. With or without the antiviral approach, hepatitis C leaves hemophiliacs with lingering complications including (but not limited to) the following:

- Negative impact on longevity, i.e., premature death;
- Morbidity, i.e., pain and impaired health-related quality of life; and
- Economic consequences, i.e., direct health care expenses and indirect costs related to lost family income due to premature death or disability.

It is my recommendation that the Joint Committee appeal to the Courts for the surplus to be returned to the group of Class Members and Family Class Members that have been afflicted with hepatitis C. Individuals living with this chronic debilitating infection, and their families, are most deserving of this payout.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

cc: Michel Savonitto info@savonitto.com
Harvey Strosberg Q.C. hepc@strosbergco.com
J.J. Camp Q.C. jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:11 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** HepC Joint Committee

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
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Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I am writing on behalf of the wife, children, step-children and grandchildren of [redacted] who died in 2005 subsequent to contracting Hepatitis C from a blood transfusion during heart surgery in Toronto. I am his step-son. While we are grateful for the assistance we have received as a result of the Settlement Agreement, we would like to make a few comments on why we think the settlement fell short.

[redacted] wife, [redacted] is still in good health at 96 years of age. She continues to live by herself in the apartment that she shared with [redacted] As the years have gone by, his assistance in maintaining their home is missed more and more. Before he contracted Hepatitis C he was an extremely vigorous man and in excellent health (other than the emergency heart condition which the surgery cured). He helped [redacted] regularly with household chores, transportation and shopping. He also provided his wife with care and companionship which she has now missed for 10 years and will continue to miss. We, the children and step-children, benefited from [redacted] warmth, compassion and care. It was distressing to see him decline as a result of the disease although he mounted a brave and determined struggle. We have missed his enthusiasm for our efforts and his dedication to and love for his children and step-children.

His grandchildren have missed out on the warmth and the joy that he showed for all of them. As the years have passed they have become adults with many decisions and choices to make. They no doubt would have their grandfather's guidance and support as he tried to help them.

We appreciate this opportunity to state again that the sickness and loss of our father, step-father, husband and grandfather has been a very difficult experience which continues to have an impact as the years go by.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

To whom this may concern,

My name is [redacted] and I have received a letter requesting my input on how the surplus for Hepatitis C should be dispersed. I personally feel that the immediate family members of the deceased victims of Hepatitis C should be entitled to receive a portion of the surplus. In no way will money replace the loved ones we lost but it can surely reduce stress in our lives. The family members of victims of this disease are suffering and have been suffering due to failure to screen the blood properly prior to transfusion. My time with my grandmother had come to an end on the 25th of November in the year 2010. She was a lovely woman who did not deserve the symptoms suffered daily from this deadly and terminal illness. The times spent with her limited the activities due to the constant fatigue, pain and swelling she had experienced. Due to whatever the reason was for this contaminated transfusion whether it was negligence, inexperience, lack of knowledge or pure laziness my family and I now celebrate birthdays, Christmas's and family get together's without our Grandmother.

Secondly, I don't think the previous settlement was fair. The amount of money that was granted was barely enough to make ends meet for a month. If a human life was worth that little to the Hepatitis foundation then there are more questions that need to be answered. If you had the chance to meet her, you yourself would realize the amount of heartache my family and I suffered due to her early passing. Kindness and love was the only thing that flowed through her veins. She never took her frustration and pain out on anybody and always rendered positive thoughts. She always taught my family and I to live a positive life and never take it for granted. Through her passing, it's quite clear that lives can lie in the hands of other people. We should be able to trust that our health care professionals are experienced and knowledgeable in the field that they practise in without making preventable errors that could cost or be detrimental to another human being.

I hope this letter gets through to whoever is making this decision of the surplus.

Thanking you in advance,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

September 9, 2015

**VIA REGULAR MAIL**

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
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**RE: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement – Surplus Input FOR** [redacted]

Dear Sir/Mam:

Please see attached my grandmother's letter regarding the input for the surplus. My grandmother, [redacted] has had her new address updated already late last month.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

September 10, 2015

Attention: Hepatitis C Joint Committee:

I received your correspondence a little over a month ago asking for my input in regards to the surplus monies that is currently in the Trust Fund. I was so overcome with anger that it has taken me this long to sit down and actually write this letter.

My father, [redacted] went for what we thought was routine surgery. Little did we know that years later he would be advised that because he had that surgery, he was now going to die because the Red Cross had knowingly given him contaminated blood. Our family was never the same again. My dad was a go-getter; nothing could stop him; and even after he came to terms with having this deadly diease, I think deep down he thought he could beat it. On October 27, 2010, Hepatitis C won and my father died after suffering for many years. In return for the Red Cross murdering my father, I was given a cheque for just a little over $6,000.00 and in order to cash this cheque, I had to sign papers stating that I would not ask for any further funds from them.

Just last week on TV it was announced that a family would receive over six million dollars from a police department for the accidental death of their family member. What the Red Cross did to my father was no accident; they knowingly gave him contaminated blood, which in turn led to his death. You ask me what I think you should do with the excess money? I'd like to ask you what you think should be done with it? Is $6,000.00 all my dad was worth. I cannot believe that correspondence like this is even sent to families. My mom is currently in a court battle with this so called Committee as they refuse to pay her the monies that they stated they would because the trust cannot afford to do so and then I get this letter advising of the $236 to $256 million surplus. Unbelievable! It seems the committee is more content to give the trust funds to lawyers then to the the Family Class Members!

Compensate the families to the fullest extent for the murdering of their family member; that's what I think you should do!

[redacted]

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11.09.2015

Dear Mr STROSBERG,

IN responce to your letter regarding the joint committee mandate to implement the 1986 - 1990 HC settlement agreement, as a family class member my responce is that I would like to put forward a claim of the surplus as I feel my brother was taken from his family a lot sooner, because of his contracting Hepatitis C.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sept 12, 2015

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Dear Mr. Strosberg;

Concerning the question about the Trust Fund surplus from the 1986-1990 Hepatitus C Settelment. The funds which are surplus should be dispursed to the members and familys of those who have already recieved compensation. Not withstanding that some members have signed off that they have no further claims as I have in the case of my sister Mrs Jean Foshiem of Camrose Alberta. Given the fact that the surplus is quite substantial everyone involved should be re-concidered for further compensation.

Yours Truly

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:**
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 10:14 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Cc:**
**Subject:** Hep C Letter to Joint Committee (Sep 12, 2015)
**Attachments:**

September 13, 2015

Email: hepc@strosbergco.com

Mr. Harvey Strosberg, Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLB

Dear Sir:

The following information and documents refer to / Hep C claim # 1493. Included is a note from niece in email format following this letter and and a PDF hand written note from Ms. files (attached) for your information.

I would first like to introduce to you my sister ..
She was 2 years older than I. I like to think that she looked after me in a "big sister" kind of way until 1989 and then I looked after her.

was a divorced independent women with a home, car and successful career.
We were best friends.

She was a special loving aunt to her niece, my daughter . was childless so she was totally devoted to ...... was part of life everyday. Sleepovers, cooking and baking lessons were regular occurrences for them. is now a mother herself and unfortunately her son will only know through stories and our memories of her.

loved music and had instruments at her home including an accordion and an electric keyboard. was the lucky recipient of these special fun music lessons with Dorothy.

favourite time of year was Christmas. At dinner, every year, without fail, she would say "This is my favourite dinner!!" but you had to see her face and hear the happiness in her voice to appreciate how she felt.
I miss that face.

and I had many wonderful times together. She was an easy person to be with. She was shy until someone said the first "hello" then you couldn't stop her from talking.

After a four month struggle was finally released from Hamilton's St. Joseph's Hospital in the fall of 1989. She suffered a brain infection caused by a severe staph infection which left her with mental problems and short term memory loss. She lived with my family until able to return to her home in Hamilton. Unfortunately in 1991, because of her job loss and being unemployable because of this illness, she was unable to afford her home and sadly had to sell. It was a very difficult time for her and her family at this time because she was unable to enjoy the life she had planned for. Dorty then went to live with our Father "Papa". He was happy for the companionship since our Mother had passed away in

1978 but it was difficult for a 50+ women to "go back home". Papa passed away in 1997 and again Dorty was without a home.

was my best friend. We shared every Saturday together. We chose in Hamilton as the best location for her to live because of its close proximity to St Joseph's Hospital. As you can appreciate she had many Dr's appointments and emergencies. I would drive to her apartment in Hamilton or bring her back to Burlington. She had lost her driver's licence due to her illness so she really enjoyed our Saturday routine. She would stay for dinner and I would drive her home. I looked after her finances and all her other matters.. Because I worked at I was always close by if any emergencies should happen. Many times during the week I would have to go after work to make sure she was ok or to drive her to the General Hospital or Dr's appointments. In loved doing this. I know she would do the same for me.

On January 27, 2005 called me at work. It was first thing in the morning - 8 am. She said she was in pain. A lot of pain. And she didn't know what to do. I told her to hang up and call 911 right away and I would meet her St Joseph's. Prior to this call I had assumed she had been feeling ok as she never informed me otherwise.

In Emergency she was fast-tracked through the paperwork and Dr. Goodacre, her Hep C Specialist was by her side so very quickly. It was reassuring to know that he would be looking after her. surgery was scheduled as soon as they could get a team together and that night she had her first surgery. and I stayed with her until the moment they wheeled her down the aisle. I will never forget her trying to look for us at the end of the hall and saying I'm so scared!" She had never called me !
That was the last thing she ever said and it still makes me cry when I think about it. never woke up after that first surgery. I know now that she was only being kept alive with life support. Her second surgery was February 1, 2005. I have no idea why this was performed. Not until February 5 when I questioned a different Dr did they say she was brain dead. The next morning February 6, three days after her birthday, , my husband and I held her hands when the devices were turned off. She was gone within 3 minutes.

It is so unfair that we have lost . She was so loved by our family and despite her illness never complained. She enjoyed life and loved our small family. She was deprived of her life early and living with Hep C was a devastating experience. A great deal of time and heartache was spent supporting her over the years but the heartache suffered now is felt much more. She was my only sibling and both parents have passed. I feel lonely without her even though I have my wonderful family. I will never forgive our Government for this horrendous catastrophe.

I have two attachments. One is a letter from my daughter Sabra Hanham. The second attachment is from .

I found the attached hand-written note in amongst her Hep C files. She was a diligent note maker. As a result of her memory loss I suggested she write and date everything so she wouldn't forget. I didn't realize she took me so seriously until after her death I found her notes, all dated, all referring to her experiences dealing with Hep C. This is the only undated note but I did want to share it with you.

I feel the money should be distributed to the survivors, if any, and their families. Only we know the heartache that this preventable disease has caused. We remember the faces so scared and of course knowing that there is no cure for many of them. never had a chance.

Thank you to the Members of the Joint Committee for allowing the Hep C families to express their very personal feelings.

Respectfully Submitted

From: "
To:
Subject: letter...
Date: September-13-15 12:04 PM

Our family lost a beautiful person. A woman who truly lived every moment of her life for others. A daughter, a sister, an aunt, who spent every moment of her life helping, caring for, and doing everything she could to make the lives of those around her better.
She did this though, in the midst of terrible and horrendous pain. Pain which we watched her endure every moment of everyday as she fought through a physical battle no one should have to witness, let alone endure.

My aunt was a constant in my life from the moment I was born. She was my mothers best friend and having no children of her own, spent her life making sure my life was filled with everything she knew. Love, humour and music.
THIS is the woman I knew, and this is the woman I chose to remember.
What I wish I could forget, but know I never will, is what I had to watch her go through for the last years of her young life.
Because of negligence which came from our medical system which is supposed to protect, my beautiful Aunt was wrongfully infected with a disease which in an extremely short time took everything from her. And ultimately took my Aunt from my family. Something I know should never have happened and something I or my family will never forgive.
Watching the person you love literally slip out of your life is a hard enough thing for anyone to go through. But it becomes more maddening, hurtful and heartbreaking when you know that this loss of a beautiful soul was something that could have been prevented. We watched a strong beautiful woman become a mere shell of herself, forced to deal with indescribable pain every single moment of her life once she had been unknowingly infected with diseased blood during a "routine" blood transfusion. We put trust in a system that is there to protect us. When we are sick, hospitals and doctors are supposed to make us better. In this case, it was the hospital and healthcare system that ultimately killed my aunt, my moms sister and best friend, and took from us the one thing that held our family together. For that I will never forgive.
I will never get to see her smile again, I will never for to hear the laughter that my mother and my aunt shared so naturally, and I will never be able to introduce my son to the woman I believe helped shaped my life and taught my entire family the meaning of togetherness.

Sent from my iPhone

#48 I'm ANGRY WITH RED CROSS + THE HOSPITAL FOR BEING:

- NEGLIGENT + IGNORANT BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO TEST THE BLOOD SUPPLY BEFORE GIVING BLOOD TO UNSUSPECTING DEATHLY ILL PATIENTS INCLUDING ME.. **NOW** I HAVE HEPATITIS C.
- I HAVE CONSTANT PAIN (a little @ this time) AND I KNOW THE PAIN WILL WORSEN A LOT + BE QUITE UNBEARABLE.
- THERE IS NO CURE!!
- ALSO, I HAVE A GREAT SISTER, ~~NIECE, + BROTHER-IN-LAW~~ WHO ~~HAVE~~ HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ME.
- I KNOW THAT THIS POISONOUS BLOOD causes a lot of horrible medical problems.

~~All my life I've heard.~~ FOR years throughout my life I've heard that our blood is SAFE FOR TRANSUSIONS because blood was ~~tested~~ TESTED FIRST... HA!!

However TESTING FOR BLOOD when I received a Donor's contribution in 1989 was non-existent ∴ I received poisonous blood that made me sick.

<u>ALSO</u>: WHY DID my Hepatitis C Diagnosis take 7 years??

Maybe if Hep C caught a few years earlier I <u>probably</u> <u>would have</u> a better chance for Treatments --

NOW even treatments + or Medications are too dangerous for me - - -

[redacted]

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Attn: Members of the Joint Committee

RE: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement

In 1990, my grandfather, [redacted] was diagnosed with non A, non B, hepatitis after he received a blood transfusion in a Halifax hospital. After seven years of declining health and finally his death in 1996 at age 97, his family was told that he actually had contracted hepatitis C, not A, not B as had been previously told his family. Prior to his receiving the transfusion, he was an active 90 year old, walking 3 km daily and being a major contributor to the well being of the home he shared with his wife, my grandmother. From 1990 until 1996, his health declined significantly and he physically suffered extreme itching, bleeding, and insomnia. Despite the numerous creams prescribed to alleviate the symptoms, there was really no relief. During this time, he did not know what his illness was, and we were not told that he had Hep C and it was only upon his death that we learned the diagnosis.

Our grandfather's illness put an immense strain on my grandmother and my parents and my aunts and uncles. Our grandmother, in her late eighties at the time, made much effort to help our grandfather with creaming his body, washing his clothes and running their household on their own with no outside support. It was impossible. My mother and my aunts and one uncle, all working full time, took turns making weekend trips to Cape Breton to help her.

I remember most when it was decided that my grandfather would come to live in my childhood home with my parents while my grandmother lived with my uncle in Halifax. I remember vividly the work my parents did to ensure that my grandfather was as comfortable as possible. My mother, in particular, and my brother spent time assisting my grandfather with regular routine habits; bathing, feeding, creaming his body, and helping him through the night when needed. I remember that this put a lot of strain on my family, even though we all loved our grandfather.

Looking back, I feel angry and saddened because my grandfather was so healthy prior to this diagnosis and I am so sure that he would have lived longer had it not been for this mistake that was made. Further he was not ready to die – he kept saying "I am getting better" and had had no intention of dying as he was very active in his community in Cape Breton – walking the beach, playing the fiddle, participating in church parish community activities, and knowing the long history of his life and family.

In light of this and the questions asked by the Joint Committee, I do not feel that my grandmother, my mother, my aunts and uncle, and all of the grandchildren were sufficiently compensated. Thank you for reading this letter and for pursuing just settlements for all.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** 1986-1990 Hep C Settlement Agreement
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2015 3:42:34 PM

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September, 14, 2015

Dear Mr. Harvey Strosberg Q.C,

I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C in 2010. Up until 2009 I had been working in Forestry related work. I started to feel very tired all of a sudden and went to see my family doctor. After extensive testing and many hospital visits I was told I had Hepatitis C and cirrosis of the liver. I was told I would no longer be able to work.

I applied for the Hepatitis C Class action and was approved. I spent the next two years waiting and worrying. My case finally went to court before receiving a settlement of $316,467.07. I was told this would be a one time payout.

At the time I had to give up work I was just 53 years old.I still had 12 years left to work. I was making approx. $45,000 a year. The money I was paid out only averaged $26, 637 per year. This is a lot less then I was use to making and living off. Plus I had to pay for all my medical exspenses, the many trips to the hospital, medications, hotel stays because of travel. This really ate into the sttlement payout.

Over the last two years I have been extremely sick. My wife and son whom I reside with had to both take many days off work to care for me, arrange for me to get to appointments because I was to sick and weak to take care of myself. It has been a very stressful time. The emotional strain on all my family and the financial strain was extensive.

My brother [redacted] was also diagnosed with this terrible sickness and my whole family was devastated when we lost him because of this horrible sickness.

I would like to be able to live out the rest of my days without having to worry about being able to survive financialy; to not have to worry about paying bills and put food on the table. My family has suffered so much. I suggest you take this surplus and pay it out to people like me. People who need it to survive. I believe I deserve to live the rest of my life the best I can with out the extra stress and worry financially.

My case file number is HC-11-21705

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Sept 15, 2015

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Re: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement.

Dear Mr. Strosberg,

If I understand the joint committee's letter to me, you are unsure of what to do with the surplus left in the Trust Fund.

My father died a slow and painful death because no one bothered to read his chart, and unnecessarily transfused him, giving him the Hep. C virus in a Hamilton, Ontario Hospital. He was undergoing a routine surgery there.

My siblings and I looked after him until the time of his death.

Without question, the surplus should go to the victims or their remaining families for the pain and suffering they endured. Should they wish to donate the money to the liver foundation or other charity, that is up to them.

Give the surplus to the victims.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Dear harvey & hep C

My name is i am writing in regards to the notice i recieved about the surplus hep c has. my father was a hemophiliac A. While my mother Anna was 7 months pregnant with me they found out that my dad recieved tainted blood. my mom had to be tested right away. Today my mom and i are ok. But my dad died Nov 26/91 at the age of 36, I was 2 1/2 years old. today i am 26 and a single mother to a 2 year old son who also has hemophilia A. My dad never got the chance to see me grow up. my first day of school, birthdays, holidays. I never got the chance to sit and talk with him or go places with him. and now he will never get the chance to be a grandfather to my son. I miss my dad every day, I wish i could just have him here with us. But this government and country took that away from me. and you ask if this money should be kept in trust? Well i say NO this money belongs to all those victims and their families who fought so long and hard for - it belongs to us. and to keep it would not be right. no amount of money will replace a life. But it's not Hep C's to keep it. It belongs to the people from the class actions, who have lost loved ones like my dad. So please don't keep this money in trust it belongs to families who are still grieving their loss after all these years.

Thank you

I am writing this with a heavy heart. I have had to go through some memories that had been long buried.

I am writing this for [redacted], now deceased, a devoted mother who lost the only son that loved her unconditionally, for [redacted], now deceased, his loving wife of 30 years, for [redacted], son, who just could bring himself to write his own letter and for me, [redacted], his daughter.

This is our story.

My father, [redacted], better known as [redacted], hadn't been feeling well, his so called doctor sent him for B12 shots. Luckily, his doctor went on vacation, so he was sent to another doctor, my Mother who always went with him to his appointments asked this doctor if getting a second opinion was a good idea. I honestly don't remember how my dad got to Hamilton for testing but I do remember him sitting on the edge of his bed telling us he had cancer, Hodgkin's. Talking with Dr. Meyer, we knew we could beat this. The best cancer to get, if you had to get cancer.

My mom or I always went with my dad to his treatments, appointment, everything, he was never alone.

The first treatment seemed to go well, but after we got him home, he wasn't right, something was seriously wrong. We rushed him back to Hamilton. He was having a reaction to the chemo, his blood had congealed in his body. The only solution was a blood transfusion. He didn't want it. We fought him about it. We were told he would likely die that night if he didn't have it. He finally gave in and had the transfusion. Only to find out years later that was the bag that would eventually kill him. That bag of blood that would send him though years of hell and suffering. He never knew which bag it was but I did. The bag, we talked him into. I wouldn't tell you how I feel about that.

The doctors changed his chemo, but the second treatment he stayed at the hospital. The same thing happened, more blood, but he was a strong man still and he came through it. They discovered it was the Agent Orange that was the problem and removed it from his chemo. Would the chemo still work, we didn't know, the doctor's didn't know. His treatment was a trial at this point.

Against the odds, the cancer was beaten then the Hep C showed its ugly head along with an infection in his eyes. I don't know the name of it. He could only see at night. I don't even know if it had a name. The doctors tried and tried to find someone or some organization, some company to pay for the Interferon A, but to no avail, would it have helped, we will never know. It was not something we could pay for; we simply did not have the resources for it.

Over the years that followed, he suffered, he could not work because of his sight, he had to rely on his wife to support him, being a very proud man and that played hell with him. Between my mom and me, we paid the bills and made the best of it. He was in Hamilton for months at a time and we would go up every night to visit and take him out for coffee. We never missed a night. She worked from 6am-2pm and I had just gotten money from a car accident I had been in and I worked part-time. We never complained and neither did he. It was what it was.

I honestly don't know how we paid for anything. I have no idea. Spending money we didn't have on gas, parking, and meals etc. Dad had to go on welfare, then disability. We just had to keep him happy, we didn't know how long he had and we did the best we could.

I try to find the good in this. For me, with the countless trips to Hamilton for doctors' appointments and treatments, I got to know my father as a friend, as an adult. I wasn't his little girl anymore; I was his caregiver, his confidant. I never would have had that time with him if he hadn't gotten sick. I always got along with my parents. I am glad I was there to help them; I have no regrets about that.

But in the end, he had had enough, after the cirrhosis took over, after the toxins had gone to his brain and he had stopped all treatment. He passed on November 26, 1993 at 4:25 pm with his favorite doctor with him. Mom and I were in the hall, I couldn't leave her alone and I couldn't be with him, if I knew he stayed one more minute because of me I could not have lived with that. He as all curled up, he hadn't spoken in a week, not the image I needed to remember.

So, there was Mom and I, to pick up the pieces and move on. My dad left no will, so I settled everything, his life insurance didn't pay from his work because he died in the wrong month. His other insurance policy paid but it was only seven thousand, but to find out if he had died sooner, they would have paid from me to finish college. Did I mention I had to drop out after my first year to care for my father? Just something else I had to do. We had a funeral to pay for, rent, bills, credit cards. I went into a deep depression. I had no one to care for and I was lost. I honestly didn't know what to do. After six months and a swift kick from my mom, I found a job and went back to work. My mom and I actually bought a small house. It was cheaper than rent and I had my insurance money for the down payment. We made it work.

Well, it wasn't a year after my dad died that I came home to find my mother on the floor of the kitchen with the phone in her hand, she was having a major heart attack. For some reason and I am glad, she survived. Three hits with the paddles and some anti-coagulate, she pulled through.

Was it the stress of the years of my father's illness, listening to him cry at night (that we never mentioned), watching him waste away, becoming weaker and weaker that contributed to her heart attack, we don't know. So, in the years that followed I took care of her and my Grandmother the best that I could. They died within 36 days of each other, [redacted], May 13, 2010 in my arms and [redacted] June 8, 2010. They are both buried with my father.

I would like to meet the person that made the decision to get blood from the US Prison System. I would like to look at that face. That is what the lady told me from the Red Cross when she confirmed that is where my father got the first bag of blood from and that it was tainted.

If it wasn't for that one bag of blood, my father could still be alive today. His mother lived to 94 and he still has a brother and a sister that are living.

Was the money enough for the families? I don't think so. Was it enough for the victims? I don't think so. Like what was said in the web cast, there is no other way to compensate people, we can't cure the Hep C and we can't bring people back. The money did help my mother because she could no longer work after her heart attacks but was it enough. No. Was I fully compensated for the loss of my father, No.? His Mother, No. His Son, No.

Writing this I shed a lot of tears. I have tried over the years not be angry and not to blame other from what had happened to my parents but there is blame. It is with the Red Cross, our health system and our Government and they should pay. Dad did not get Hep C from a tattoo or lifestyle; he didn't get Cirrhosis of the liver from alcohol. He got it from the Red Cross, our health system and our Government.

That one bag of blood; that was meant to save his life.

Thank you

[redacted]

[redacted]

September 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to your request in regards to the surplus money in the Trust Fund with the 1986-1990 Hepatitus C. Settlement. I first would like to express my personal feelings and how this tragic experience has affected me and my family. There is a deep sense of grief and sadness at the loss of my grandfather. He was only 54 years old. I was his only grandchild and from what I have been told by family members he was very proud of me and that I was named after him. I was too young to know at the time what happened to him. Now at the age of 25 and married with a young child of my own my aunt felt it was time for me to know the truth about the cause of his death. Throughout my years growing up I did have questions about where he was and what happened to him. Now when I find out his life was cut short from the tainted blood that was administered to him I feel a greater loss since the reason for his death could have been prevented. I dwell now on the memories of what could have been for him and me. In all the years that have passed I could have had an awesome relationship with him. He could have watched me grow and we could have enjoyed going places and doing things together but all that has been taken away from me. Then I am sad when I look at my baby girl and realize he has also missed out on watching her grow. His life was cut short and how unfortunate he was taken away from us so soon. I know there are many others that have suffered from the loss of a loved one through this tragic mishap and my heart goes out to them as well. Money can't replace all those lost years or bring my grandfather back but I feel in my heart if he were to know today that I and other family members were compensated in some way then his death was not in vain. So through all of this being said I believe it is only in the best interest of all Class Members and Family Class Members to receive the surplus money. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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The surplus should be divided up among the class members and family members regardless of age or health condition

Perhaps a monthly pension or one lump payment.

After all there is no real cure as anyone who has Hepatise C knows very well, plus servious damage to the kidneys after a transplant if they get one.

If and when they reach 65 years of age, the class members are cut off, put the problem still remains, so does the financial cost and hardships that goes along with it.

After all, was it not the victims who the agreement was set up for.

It appears after age 65, the powers that be don't want to know any victims exist, out of site, out of mind typ thing.

To Whom It May
Concern:

I believe that
the surplus from
the hepatitis C
settlement claim
should be devided
amongst the parties
affected.

Sincerely

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 20, 2015 5:19 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Hep C Compensation

Dear Mr. Strosberg and members of the Joint Committee.

I'm writing to you regarding the death of my Mother, [redacted] You've requested input as to how surplus funding should be allocated, and our family would like to make a proposal.

Considering how little the initial payment was, compared to a typical wrongful death suit, we propose a two million dollar payment to the estate of my late mother, to be divide among our family as we see fit. Furthermore, we would agree to wave all future loss of support payments of any type from the Trust Fund and to be removed from the Family Class Members list. We would consider the case settled at that point.

Thank you in advance for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

[redacted] and Family.

[redacted] [redacted]

Sept 21

Sir or Madame

My Name is [redacted] my Brother [redacted] had this bad diesease Hepatitis C. he passed away 3 years ago our Family really suffered for his passing we have 3 More Brothers ~~to~~ who has Hepatitis C. Gerald White who lives in Nova Scotia [redacted] [redacted] who just Started Treatment you Ask for our Input about the Money is left my idea Would be to help our Familys To be able to Spend more time with our Brothers When They Are hospitalised we Couldn't Spend the Time with Best we Just Couldn't Afford it

Thank you

[redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 7:13 PM
**To:** jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; Hepatitis C Class Action; info@savonitto.com; kp@toughcounsel.com
**Subject:** hepc8690 surplus

September 21 2015
[redacted]
To the estate of [redacted]

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To The Joint Committee
Following the meeting on August 25 2015, with regards to the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement Surplus, we strongly feel the surplus should accept late applications and redistribute the surplus of money using the original formula to the Class Members and the Family Class Members as it was original intended.
Respectfully yours
[redacted]

[redacted]

Youtube Video Click HERE

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Re: Hepatitis C Clam # 7522[redacted]
**Date:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:58:37 PM

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The Joint Committee,

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We are writing to you in reference to a letter we received regarding surplus in the Hepatitis C Claim and how it should be used.

We feel that this money should be paid out to the families to compensate for their losses.
In our situation [redacted] lost everything she owned due to her medical condition. The cost of her medications and many trips to the doctors, forced her to re-mortgage her house which was paid for. She could not afford to keep up with her life insurance policies and in return she left nothing but debt to her family when she passed. Un paid bills included: credit cards, pharmacy bills, gas bills, car repair, Wells Fargo (re-mortgage) ect... and no life insurance to cover cost of funeral or accumulated expenses that followed.

At the time we were unaware that there was any compensation for our family when [redacted] passed. We gathered the information needed and submitted it as it was given to us.

We believe the surplus should be paid out to the families with claims such as ours. No family should ever have to go through the pain and suffering our family had to experience.

[redacted] Family # 7522

Sincerely,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** Fwd: Hepatitis C Clam # 7522[redacted]
**Date:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:49:49 PM

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RE: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement – Disposition of Surplus

Reference: Written correspondence from 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Joint Committee post marked August 4, 2015

Attention: Joint Committee Member

As I understand it, the Joint Committee and the federal government have identified a surplus in the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Trust Fund estimated at between $236 and $256 million. It is also my understanding that the Joint Committee, of which you are a sitting member, have applied to the courts to have all or part of the surplus allocated in favor of the Class Members and Family Class Members.

The letter requests that I, as a Class Member, provide input regarding the disposition of this surplus.

I believe that the intention and spirit of the original settlement and associated trust fund was and is intended to both compensate and support the affected class members over the course of their lifetimes and subsequently to their dependants after their death. At the time of the original settlement, I had been asymptomatic. However, I have recently been diagnosed with liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma), which has been attributed to Hep C. I am now more fully aware of the impact this has had on my quality of life and the burden this disease has placed on my family. I also was not aware of the availability of additional funding as my disease progressed and continues to progress. Perhaps other class members and their families are also unaware.

It would be my contention and recommendation that the surplus be allocated to the Class Members or Class Member Families and that these funds NOT be retained in the trust fund and NOT returned to the Federal government or any other competing body or organization.

Furthermore, I would request that surplus amounts allocated to Class Members/ Family Class Members be provided as a lump sum payment based on disease level in keeping with the original settlement.

Respectfully

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**From:** [redacted]
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** FW: Hepatitis C Final Copy
**Date:** Monday, September 28, 2015 8:32:25 PM
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The Joint Committee, September 28, 2015

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.

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We are writing to you in reference to a letter we received regarding surplus in the Hepatitis C Claim and how it should be used.

We feel that this money should be paid out to the families to compensate for their losses.
In our situation [redacted] lost everything she owned due to her medical condition. The cost of her medications and many trips to the doctors, forced her to re-mortgage her house which was paid for. She could not afford to keep up with her life insurance policies and in return she left nothing but debt to her family when she passed. Un paid bills included: credit cards, pharmacy bills, gas bills, car repair, Wells Fargo (re-mortgage) ect... and no life insurance to cover cost of funeral or accumulated expenses that followed.

At the time we were unaware that there was any compensation for our family when [redacted] passed. Attached is the letter to the doctor requesting medical forms needed to submit such a claim as well as the response we received from her doctor five months later.

We believe the surplus should be paid out to the families with claims such as ours. No family should ever have to go through the pain and suffering our family had to experience.

[redacted] Family # 7522

Sincerely,

[redacted]

*Dr. Park Parry* *June 7, 2010*

*We have recently been contacted by the Hepatitis C claims centre with regards to updating Medical information of our Mother and your former patient Mrs [redacted] of Dresden. It is their belief that a follow up is necessary to complete her file.*

*Her Medical records have been requested as well as the accompanying forms be filled in and completed. Upon Moms passing, Dr. Brisban had said to us that the complications she had incured, were most likely due to the Hepatitis condition she had contracted through the tainted blood transfusion. We respectfully ask for your assistance in this matter at your earliest convenience.*

*As a family we do appreciate everything that you were able to do in the care of our mother, she thought very highly of you and your staff. We do realize it will not be an easy task as some time passed and we will pay the fees that will incur. Please call [redacted] when complete and we will pick up the documents.*

*Thank You*

[redacted]

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:**
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 2:26 PM
**To:** kp@toughcounsel.com; Harvey T. Strosberg Q.C.; jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; info@savonitto.com
**Subject:** Hep c claimant

Good morning,
My name is and I am claimant # 4675 Hep c only goes to level 6. At level 6, you have received a transplant. I would like to tell you about why I believe there should be a level 7 & 8.
Level 7 is comatose
Level 8 is recovering from being comatose

Dr Lilly at Toronto General Hospital in Toronto knows me very well and calls me his worst case ever. You see, they use what they call a MEL score to try and figure out how long your body can go before you need a transplant. Well, it didn't work for me. They left me too long and I ended up in a sepsis coma for many months. When I woke up, I was completely paralyzed. Every muscle in my body had atrophied. I couldn't move, talk, blink......nothing. My brain was damaged too. I couldn't remember very much at all. Friends would come and see me and I wouldn't know them. I knew my family, but many memories were gone. I was in horrific pain and I couldn't speak to tell anyone.
You will no doubt read my file, but what myself and my family went through and what I pulled myself out of, now 8 yrs later, is not in that file. All of my Dr's look at me and tell me "you shouldn't be here,you should be dead". Dr Lilly says it was my husbands drive and not taking no for an answer when the Dr's didn't want to waste a liver on someone that had "0" chance of living. I was in multiple organ failure at the time. They called my family members in at least 3 times and notified them that It was doubtful I'd make it through the night. He stopped listening after the 3rd time. He would say, "you don't know her, she's strong and she has a lot of people praying for her. It was our faith in God that kept him going.
I was like a newborn baby. Even had a diaper on and I was 49 yrs old. Had to learn to talk, hold a spoon, spell again and yes, I tried my darnedest to walk. I was on dialysis when I woke up and told I would be on it the rest of my life. Ha! I was off it before I came home! I Abe nerve damage, mostly on the right side of my body and when I woke up, both of my feet had what is called drop foot. My poor feet had atrophied so badly that laying in bed my toes were flat on the mattress and I couldn't lift them up back into normal position.such pain.........
Silent pain...........
I was in hospitals a good part of a year and finally signed myself out of St John's rehab hospital, because I couldn't take it anymore. They kept trying to straighten my leg and make me lie straight on a mat. So much pain............ Come to find out after I convinced my family Dr to take an X-ray of my hip, that I had another rare event happen while in the coma. It's called heterotrophic oxiffication where muscle turns into bone. They found it in my hip and then about a year later in my back. Then, in 2010 to top it off, they found a brain tumor that had calcified while I was in the coma.......
I'm better now!
Now, 8 years later, I'm missing a vital muscle in my back so I cannot retain my weight from the waist up, but with the help of 2 canes I can walk a little bit! I mostly use a walker around the house and a scooter outside to walk my dogs in the good months. Winter is hard. My brain tumor is dormant so far, my feet still do not work, but I can drive a car. I still have a hard time remembering many things, so I take notes or set alarms. My husband still loves me and I've been told that many marriages do not make it through such ordeals. They had me on addictive drugs and I've gotten myself off of everyone of them by my self. I'm still in pain, but I can manage it with meditation. I have trouble with depression sometimes, but my furry friends make up for all the human friends I have lost. So life is good.

I would like to tell you that when we call the Hep c administration staff, they are mostly very helpful. Joan, who has since retired, went out of her way to both listen and help us out all she could. Usually returning our call within a day. I have nothing but praise for the admin personnel.

My problem is, I am now disabled and there is now guideline or allowance for disabilities in the class action suite. No ones fault, but it needs to be amended and addressed. Please, I'm not asking you to give me a big lump sum, like I believe a lot of people were hoping for when they heard there was a surplus. My husband had a very good job working 13 yrs for a company in Tampa Florida. He was let go because we could not move back to head office because of my illness. We now live on his odd job and what Hep c gives us monthly. He is my caregiver and this takes much of his time now. We were paying for a personal trainer to come and work with me because Dr Lilly said I was putting on too much weight and needed to get it off. Being immobile, it's very hard to stay fit. My trainer was a great help and i lost 14lbs in 9 months! Plus, something spectacular was happening! She was pushing me harder then any of my physiotherapist's ever had. She was the one that had me try 2 canes and walk! I was walking! Bit by bit, I was walking a little further and further! Finally spring came and she had me outside and I could walk a kilometer! Me! I could do it! I might need to sit on my fanny 4-5 times but I walked a kilometer! Then when I phoned hep c to see why they wouldn't approve my trainers fees, they said it wasn't in there guidelines. She was $50 an hour......... we couldn't afford her any longer. I gave up and crawled back into my hole...... Slowly, I gained back all my weight. Then I got a letter in the mail from you and hope came trickling back in.

All I ask, is that you review my claim for more aid due to my disability, a direct cause of hepatitis "C"

Thank you so very much and I know after listening to Katherine at the Hamilton meeting, that you will continue to take excellent care of us and our settlement moneys!

Keep up the good work,

God bless you

Harvey;

You want to know what I have thought about the whole issue?

While the settlement was appreciated, I sometimes think about how simple it would have been to avoid everything. All they had to do is do further testing... thats all!!!

You know, as a hemophiliac my lifespan has already been shortened!!

And having to take interferon and ribavirin for a year and a couple months to hopefully get rid of the "HEP C" virus, and having flu ~~like~~ like symptoms all through that time period wasn't very pleasent!!

But, through it all I kept thinking "You know, this could have been avoided"!!

I did manage to kick out the "HEP C" virus, but, apparently a lot of people were not so fortunate.

And, also the <u>cure</u> damaged my internal organs. So that now I have TYPE II diabetes, thus shortening my lifespan even ~~shorter~~ further!!

Yes, the settlement was appriciated, but the amount wasn't even as much as a year's ~~[illegible]~~! wages!!, ~~and I would have to~~.

I think personally, if you asked most people on the street if they would like the money, or to have 10 more years or so tacked on their lives, I think most people would take the extra time to see their kids grow up, or just be around for a little longer.!!

As respect to the surplus, Perhaps, find out how many have had a claim, and just pass it out to all the survivors!!! evenly...!!!

I didn't ask to have HEPC and I also did not indulage in a risky lifestyle;! to aquire HEPC.
I am just one of those people that may have reciaved some ~~blood products~~. ~~that~~ tainted blood products from an Arkansas prison!!

Yes, I was disappointed in the mount of the settlement, but, I do appreciette your hard work in recieving a settlement.

In, short thanks for allowing me to vent a little!!, and I hope you will be sucessful in your future ventures.

Yours Truly

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Date:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:22:04 PM
**Attachments:** Hepc (3).docx

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This is scribed by [redacted] daughter of [redacted]
Thank you,

Mrs. [redacted]

September 23, 2015

HepC Committee

Re: [redacted]
#1300681

My husband, [redacted] died at the age 64 in 2000. Since then I have lived alone as a widow. I have received "Loss of Service" over the years and my last payment being January 2016. I have received a lump sum each year but it is not equal to a husband bringing home a monthly salary. I am now 80 and found over the years financially difficult to make ends meet. With cost of living increasing, medical costs, prescriptions dental expenses, I am finding it very challenging to live and maybe forced to move from my townhome.

Please consider me as candidate for extra payments as it would be most helpful in my senior years.

Yours truly,
Mrs. [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**To:**
**Cc:**
**Subject:** FBO the Estate of [redacted] Hepatitis C Class Actions - Claims Request - QUESTIONS & GUIDANCE
**Date:** Sunday, October 04, 2015 10:22:58 AM

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Hello Mr. Strosberg,
As the Director of [redacted] Estate, I want to register aq Claim for additional compensation based on his death from Hepatitis C.
Please let me know my next steps & possible outcome for our loss.
Best regards...[redacted]

# Briefing Notes Relating To The Hepatitis C 8690 Class Action Settlement: September 25, 2015

I, [redacted] [redacted] make the following statement with regard to the Hepatitis C 1986 – 1990 Class Action Settlement:

[redacted]

[redacted] Date of signature October 06, 2015

I, [redacted]
concur with and have assisted in the preparation of the following statement with regard to the Hepatitis C 1986 – 1990 Class Action Settlement:

[redacted]

[redacted], Date of signature October 06, 2015

Without Prejudice.

Issues:

1. The Settlement, as it exists, is deficient in a number of crucial areas. Before any surplus funds are disbursed, such as a scheme to split the funds amongst the current claimants, I strongly believe that there are a number of outstanding issues that must be resolved. In my opinion any surplus and currently existing funds should be used to rectify the plan by providing the following benefits retroactively and ongoing and improving the fairness to those that have been further victimized by the inherent settlement inequalities:
    - 1.1. Pension plans, similar to those available to the gainfully employed, should be available to the surviving victims.
    - 1.2. Dental plans, similar to those available to the gainfully employed, should be available to the surviving victims.

    1.3. Medical plans, similar to those available to the gainfully employed, should be available to the surviving victims.
    1.4. Retroactive Canada Pension Plan contributions as per the deductions made over the course of the compensation period or in some way adjusted through the establishment of a separate pension fund to provide for the victims in the retirement phase of their life.
    1.5. It is imperative that an adjustment to the compensation be instituted, such that a level of fairness is applied across the range of victims, because there is a disparity in compensation that exists amongst the class members. It is discriminatory that my life, happiness and future be considered worth so much less than somebody else, just because they have had better timing with their infection; thus, had the opportunity to develop their career, get an education and live up to their potential before being reduced both physically and emotionally.
    1.6. There needs to be consideration and compensation for the impact on family members. Impact on family members is not addressed in any way whatsoever, but there has been a devastating loss in my family and I suspect several other victims lives as well.
    1.7. Loss of income by family members, due to the time invested in care required by the victim, travel and expense associated with attendance at medical appointments and delay in career path development is not compensated until the victim is at a disease level 6. We, and a number of others who elucidated their situations at the recent meeting on Aug 25 2015, have experienced considerable financial distress long before disease level 6.
2. The settlement as it currently exists clearly discriminates against mothers who elected to raise their children.
    2.1. The settlement language provides for university students or those infected prior to the age of eighteen to receive the Average Industrial Wage, but I would ask why mothers have been left out of this section? It is a well-known fact that career delays caused by motherhood have lead to difficult and discriminatory outcomes for women's career development and my question is specifically why would a university student be compensated for a lifestyle choice while a mother is penalized for a natural consequence of being human?
    2.2. The fund categorically discriminates against mothers, to the extent that this may be elevated to a human rights issue. It is typical that mothers who were working on contract employment and raising children have not had three years of full time contiguous employment. In order to qualify for loss of wages, I had to use three years from my very first employment years 1978, 1979, 1980, before I became a mother. I did not get the chance to develop a career because as soon as my children were in school I started getting very sick, so just when I should have been back to full time employment I was debilitated by the rapid onset of the infection. An undeniable and verifiable pattern developed - I would secure full time employment but would have to be let go because I

physically could not continue, there were numerous occasions when I was carried from work to emergency.

3. There are two instances of considerable significance where the Administrator has requested information from a doctor who has either refused or outright lied.
   - 3.1. The first situation is with regard to the ongoing episodic vomiting that I have experienced since the onset of the disease, which had a deleterious impact on my dental health leading to ruined teeth and gums. This significant health issue must be resolved quickly as it affects the overall level of my well-being.
   - 3.2. With regard to the intense vomiting, I experienced from the onset of the disease.
     - 3.2.1. My symptoms developed rapidly within about one year of the surgery that was the source of the transfusion. I suffered numerous symptoms including gastrointestinal distress associated with vomiting on an episodic basis. Episodes varied in length from about a week to several months, during which time I experienced vomiting and diarrhea on a daily basis, occurring multiple times a day. Because of this repeated acidic attack, my tooth enamel eroded and the health of my gums was reduced, leaving me in a state necessarily requiring a complete dental replacement. My dental surgeon advised me that, given the state of my health, the most suitable option in my case, and in the long term a less expensive choice, would be dental implants on both my upper and lower jaw, providing me continued dental health and higher quality of life on into the future. This is not optional or cosmetic surgery, the ability to eat a proper meal is very high on the list of important activities associated with good health and long life. Since this was caused directly as a result of being infected with Hepatitis C, I approached the administrator to provide funding for my dental replacement. I did not have these symptoms prior to my infection, they arose along with the other symptoms at the time of the onset of the disease.
     - 3.2.2. It is clear to me that, if an ongoing parade of TV commercials are broadcast to warn of the dangers of the acidity of fruit juice to tooth enamel, then a never ending barrage of stomach acid would certainly have an even greater impact due to the higher degree of acidity or lower pH level. Fruit juice has a pH = 3.5 while stomach acid has a pH = 0.8 to 2. This dental erosion is commonly seen in people suffering from bulimia nervosa who purposefully induce vomiting on a regular basis as part of their illness. The acid content of the stomach which comes into contact with the enamel erodes and damages the teeth. The digestive enzymes in vomit also damage the gums, which leads to significant dental complications.
     - 3.2.3. I brought this situation to the attention of the Administrator and indicated that since it is directly related to my disease and since the symptom has appeared every year on the Treating Physicians Form that I would expect to be compensated for the replacement of my teeth. I was instructed the Administrators office to obtain a letter from Dr. Marotta explaining the effects of vomiting on my teeth.

I argued that I had not seen Dr. Marotta since I completed the interferon treatment (now fifteen years ago) and that Dr. Marotta is not a dental surgeon. In addition, he has made it clear that he does not want to provide any further medical or legal paperwork. I argued that Dr. M. Dube, who has overseen the Aids and Hepatitis C clinics in Sudbury, and has been my Treating Physician for the duration is the physician who can verify the observations. I was told that I had to obtain a letter from Dr. Marotta because he was the physician who initially prescribed my treatment.

3.2.4. I attended an appointment with Dr. Marotta to explain my issue. He was arrogant and dismissive in demeanor and chose to avoid providing any of the requested opinions regarding my vomiting condition, despite the fact that he had recorded this condition in an earlier consultation. Instead, he decided to glorify his treatment regime by providing a short letter to the administrator, despite my specific instructions that he not do so because it was not germane and may only complicate the issue, which contained fallacious data regarding my condition, to the extent I am forced to wonder if he was reading the file of another patient entirely.

3.3. This is the first example of how the information requested by the administrator places the victim between an intractable administrator and an uncooperative physician leaving the victim helpless and alone.

4. The second disturbing administrator–patient–physician interaction is a case of similar repugnance, where again I was advised by Joan of the Administrator's office that I should be assessed at Disease level 5, due to the ongoing listing of thrombocytopenia on my Treating Physicians Form.

4.1. Once again, I had my Treating Physician, Dr. M. Dube fill out the form. He did so based on my clinical information from several prior appointments I have had with him over the last fifteen years; during which time he has had the opportunity to make his own observations and record this clinical data in my file.

4.2. The form was returned with a yellow zip line on the section requesting a report from a gastroenterologist, hepatologist or internist.

4.3. I called and spoke with Mathew of the Administrator's office to ask if I could have a guideline as to what would be required in the report since I am not a patient of any of these specialists. He refused, and in fact, when I pressed that an email or letter would be very helpful to bring to the specialist, he became indignant and provided no such advice or information.

4.4. After a year, I finally managed to get an appointment with Dr. Tilbe in Sudbury. He became obsessed with issues other than my ongoing thrombocytopenia, but did eventually write a letter (available: Dr. Tilbe letter of June 26, 2014) that had absolutely nothing to do with the request that I made in the initial appointment. It appears to me that Dr. Tilbe is not concerned with considering my medical history in order to make a proper medical diagnosis.

4.4.1. I asked my Treating Physician, Dr. Dube to arrange an appointment with another gastroenterologist and we selected Dr. H. Boudreau, but she sent a letter back to Dr. Dube stating that I had a gastroenterologist and she was shredding my appointment request.

4.4.2. I attended another appointment with Dr. Tilbe, to explain again that the Administrator has requested that I get a report from a gastroenterologist regarding a specific assessment relating to the thrombocytopenia condition that has persisted since my interferon treatment. This time I recorded my conversation with him, because I have reached a point of disgust with the behavior of the specialists I have had to depend on over the course of this disease (see section 5). He did eventually come to realize that I was actually already a class member and that the reason for this appointment was for him to look at my clinical history, which resides in Dr. Dube's records, to make remarks pertaining to the reason for my persisting thrombocytopenia.

4.4.3. I would think that if, my thrombocytopenia began as a result of the treatment and persisted thereafter, then a causal relationship exists between the treatment and the onset of thrombocytopenia (available: Dr. Marotta letter of November 27, 2001), which is then directly related to the Hepatitis C. Although Dr. Tilbe did agree that this would be the case during my consultation, he wrote a letter (available: Dr. Tilbe letter of June 02, 2015), which I obtained a copy of from my Treating Physician Dr. Dube, that can only be described as misleading, juvenile and unprofessional I was aghast at the language and lack of any reasonable assessment of my clinical history. He did not access my file and did not pay attention to the several statements that I made with respect to the reason for the appointment.

4.4.4. Dr. Tilbe is in no way interested in discussing a patient-Administrator issue, is less interested in looking at fifteen years of information to assist a patient with a legal matter and it appears as though he is especially obsessed with refusing to provide any medical assessment or information relating to funding from the settlement.

5. I had a very rapid onset of symptoms and debilitation due to the transfusion.

5.1. I was taken to emergency quite a number of times at the onset of symptoms, which resulted in a diagnosis of "there is something wrong with your liver".

5.2. Upon receipt of a letter from the Red Cross April 21, 1993, saying that I had Hepatitis C and should consult a doctor, My family physician Dr. M. O. Yankowski booked me in with a specialist, but a repeated pattern emerged:

5.2.1. Get appointment with gastroenterologist;

5.2.2. Attend tests proscribed by gastroenterologist;

    - 5.2.3. Attend a second appointment to discuss test results with gastroenterologist;
    - 5.2.4. Receive notice that the gastroenterologist has left Sudbury.
  - 5.3. This pattern was repeated four times and it took about eight years to finally get treatment from a visiting gastroenterologist, Dr. Marotta. Upon completion of half of the treatment, I experienced severe side-effects to the medication, to the extent that Monique (Dr. Marotta's assistant) called me urgently to ask if I had taken my injection, she said "...if you take your next needle, it might kill you." I was taken off the treatment and apparently upon completion of their treatment Dr. Marotta no longer wants to see patients.
  - 5.4. A pattern emerged during the meeting on August 25, 2015 as the attendees stated their cases. It was repeated several times that their Father, Mother, Spouse or other family member had died in the early 1990's or those that survived had experienced severe symptoms in the same very short time frame.
  - 5.5. Although anecdotal, these stories are a good representation of an issue that I believe the doctors have not embraced. At the time the settlement was crafted, the epidemiology of the disease was a rather long, slow onset after initial infection from a small amount of virus.
  - 5.6. The main difficulty arising from this is the lack of understanding of how this has affected the family, long before the advanced stages of the disease are finally reached. The amount of care and loss of income, family interaction and natural love and affection is much greater than perhaps realized at the time.
6. The current level of compensation I receive is based on my early career employment because this was the only time that I was able to find three contiguous years of earned wages. This is due to the fact that I was a stay-at-home mother, working contract employment, until my children were school aged. It was exactly at that point that the rapid onset of the symptoms and debilitating effects of the disease took over, preventing me from furthering my career.
  - 6.1. Notwithstanding the remarks in 2, 2.1 and 2.2, this has in effect forced me to live at an entry level wage, the poverty level, throughout my entire lifetime because the cost of living allowances do not take into account the fact that the position I held included:
    - 6.1.1. A full pension with a substantial contribution from the employer.
    - 6.1.2. A dental plan that would even extend to immediate family.
    - 6.1.3. Pharmacological coverage that would extend to my immediate family.
    - 6.1.4. Long term disability coverage.
    - 6.1.5. Contributions to the Canada Pension Plan.
  - 6.2. The specific job that my settlement claim is based on is currently garnering approximately $50,000 a year plus all aforementioned benefits. Therefore, on the balance of probability, had I continued in the same position, without taking into account any increase in education or advancement from that position to higher positions with the

same employer, I would be earning twice what I receive from this settlement not including the ancillary benefits and pensions listed in 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4 and 6.1.5.

6.2.1. I have had several discussions with Mathew from the Administrator's office regarding the wage I would be making if I stayed at that level (Prov. Gov. Clerk 2). The result of these conversations was that I should provide information that shows what the earnings would be had I been in that position at present and any other information that supports the fact that my earning potential would have been greater than the current poverty level I am forced to live within.

6.2.1.1. I acquired the necessary information as per Mathew's request:

6.2.1.1.1. Confirmation of my full time status with the government, which my claim is based on, from the records department of the Provincial govt.

6.2.1.1.2. Government job postings that were equivalent to the position that I held stating the pay scale for that job.

6.2.1.1.3. https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Jobs.aspx (see Clerk 2 Positions)

6.2.1.2. I was advised to acquire this information, but upon presenting it to Matthew, he verbally invalidated my argument and obstinately refused, despite repeated requests, to provide any of these numerous objections to me in writing. Although I followed his directions and provided the requested documentation proving that, based on a balance of probability, I would be making a higher wage; he unilaterally decreed in a phone conversation that I did not qualify. I provided the proof that I was a full time employee and that the same position that my claim was based upon included all of the items in section 6.2. He claimed that my argument is invalid because I was not working at that job when I got sick. This made no sense to me. I asked for his refusal in writing and again received nothing. It is unacceptable to me that Mathew is able make unilateral determinations pertaining to my claim without actually following some sort of protocol.

7. The situation with regard to the victim reaching retirement age and suddenly being subjected to a substantial reduction in income is likely to lead to victims being forced from their homes or unable to afford care required to survive to the age they would have otherwise lived.

7.1. It is tremendously troubling that there has been no allotment of the total settlement fund allocated to a sensible pension plan for survivors. If the settlement truly is a compensation for loss of income, it would logically follow that part of that prospective income, would have been contributing into the Canada Pension Plan. It is tremendously unusual that the deduction is made from the level of compensation paid, that is, the compensation is reduced by the amount that would be paid to the Canada Pension Plan, but the funds are not paid into the Canada Pension Plan on behalf of the victim.

        - 7.1.1 There was no notification to me that the deductions were not being paid into the Canada Pension Plan; I naturally assumed the deductions were being responsibly allocated. I only found out recently that this was not the case.
    - 7.2. You must rectify this issue, with payments made retroactively to reflect the state that the victim would be in at present had those funds been placed in the pension at each of the years that compensation has been received. I did not claw myself back to the land of the living only to live out the twilight of my life in abject poverty worse than the poverty that I am experiencing during what should have been my most productive years.
- 8. Dental care is an important aspect of health and well-being.
    - 8.1. I am confused as to why a dental plan is normally available to those who are gainfully employed, yet as class members, we are not provided with a dental plan as part of the loss of income package.
    - 8.2. The loss of income compensation in my case is essentially at the poverty level and any extraneous expenditure weighs heavily on my overall financial position. In other words, I have to make decisions such as buy food or have the teeth to eat it, a rather awkward set of choices.
    - 8.3. The position that my compensation is based upon included a dental plan that would also extend to my children and husband. The lack of such a plan has been the cause of significant stress, financial hardship and has affected my overall health, as I have not been able to acquire the dental care I need in a timely manner.
    - 8.4. Further exacerbating my situation is the information outlined in 3.2.3
- 9. Rapid onset of symptoms and high degree of damage in the short term, as is evidenced by the numerous statements made during the meeting on August 25, 2015 and my personal experience (see sections 5.4, 5.5. and 5.6) although anecdotal, seem to point to death or serious debilitating disease occurring in a very short timeframe, compared to what was considered the typical disease progression of several decades, until the manifestation of symptoms and disease.
    - 9.1. This situation requires some revisiting to assess the family loss and possible career delays that may have occurred as a result of a mother, wife, husband, father, or other family member depended upon or expected to be available to be relied on is suddenly incapacitated to the extent that they become a draw on the temporal and financial resources of the family.
        - 9.1.1. In my personal situation, it can be argued that my lack of income during that time is directly related to the loss of our family home, which can only be described as a family tragedy that has a lasting effect.
        - 9.1.2. Since I was only able to be awake for 3 hrs to 4 hrs per day, my husband was obliged to travel from London, Ontario to Sudbury, Ontario on a weekly basis. This was during his studies for a PhD in physics. The interference with his commitments to the program of study caused considerable stress and the travel

was time consuming and expensive. Eventually he was required to take a leave of absence for medical reasons in order to provide the support to me, feed the children and assist with the settlement submissions as per the agreement as it was presented.

9.1.2.1. Unfortunately, the agreement as presented was subject to delays and the approved medical leave, that was originally for one term, was extended to one year. When he attempted to return to his studies he was not welcome due to the delays in progress that his, officially approved leave, had caused in the research of his supervisors.

9.1.2.2. The delay in career path is devastating for the individual, costly in terms of lifetime income and the individual may never be able to reach the full potential that would have been realized had they been able to graduate at the time they would have done without the delay.

9.1.2.3. In the interim, the living standards have had a significantly affect and as such have an enduring effect on the children's psychological well being. My children were afraid and confused. They thought that their mother was dying and they were terrified. They were also hurt and confused by the assertion of most people that Hepatitis C is a disease of intravenous drug users.

10. Social stigma

10.1. The first thing that the administrator said to me was "how do we know you're not an intravenous drug user" and when I expressed my astonishment at that statement she then said well you could have caught it from a toothbrush.

10.2. As my disease was disclosed to friends, they systematically became more and more distant until they were all gone. I have had people in social situations refuse publically to shake my hand because they were afraid that they would catch Hepatitis C.

10.3. In addition, not knowing whether the blood transfusion came from a prison inmate is extremely unsettling.

10.4. This stereotyping has engendered a disturbing classification of myself and other claimants as 'unclean' or somehow of a reduced class and status which has had a degenerative impact on my own self esteem and well being.

11. Throughout this lengthy and onerous process, the Administrator has been nothing but an obstacle, obstinately fixated on reduction of assistance and categorically unhelpful; this is not an isolated incident or an individual personal experience.

11.1. Numerous conversations with other attendees following the meeting on August 25, 2015 followed a nearly identical theme: the particulars of which always revolved around the lack of support provided to the sick and ailing or to families of those who have lost their battle.

12. Why are the claimants in the Class isolated? There should be a means by which the class members can communicate in a general manner through a website or bulletin board with the

option for them to decide if they wish to share their personal contact information with another member put in place to allow for communication between affected persons. This would facilitate the exchange of information and may in fact be supportive for many of the victims.

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:01 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** 1986 -1990 Hept. C settlement

Mr. Strosberg,
I am not sure if this is the right department or not but I will give it a try. I am a Family Class member (?), a daughter of a man who passed away due to receiving tainted blood. Our family was part of the settlement. We received information of the Joint Committee Sessions this summer too late, as most of our family are no longer at the addresses you have. Is there a way or a place to provide address and information updates? Thank you for your help in this matter. We would like to be kept up to date as to the decisions regarding the trust fund.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 11:59 AM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** RE: Claim 1179
**Attachments:** image2a0ec4.JPG

Hopefully you can direct this email to somebody involved in paying for the new Hep C medicines. Currently my Canadian Red Cross Tainted Blood HepC has risen from Level 3 to Level 5 scary stuff. Now as I die a little bit more each day..Hep-C compensation and SunLife Insurance are "debating" who will pay for the drug while i sit at home stressed beyond measure. In my view Hep C compensation should pay for Harvoni..get the drug into me..then fight with sunlife over who pays. This paperwork is destroying my faith. For the victims following behind me..somebody/anybody needs to Step UP..think of me..the victim...and get me this drug..that i don't really want to take already suffering from so many other health problems sincerly [redacted] claim 1179

**Shelley L. Woodrich**

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 2:39 PM
**To:** Hepatitis C Class Action
**Subject:** LETTER #2 RE:--1986-1990 HEP C SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND SURPLUS

**Importance:** High

To: Harvey Strosberg, Q.C.

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Dear Sir,

This letter is in response to the Confidential letter I received from the Joint Committee concerning the huge SURPLUS of an estimated $236 million to $256 million in the HepC Settlement fund. I have several concerns about various areas of the settlement that fall short. There are far too many shortcomings in how these funds are being administered, and about how victims of the Contaminated-Blood Scandal of 86/90 are being treated, and have been treated over the years. However, rather than produce a "manifesto", I will focus here, for obvious reasons, on one main policy only, and its disastrous two-fold effects which have affected me most unfairly, and which have been extremely injurious to my physical and emotional health and well-being, as well as to the well-being of my loving family.

As an aside, I must insert here that I wish that I had a podium from which to more fully speak my truth and my opinions. If I were to be fortunate enough to be granted such a podium, I would then find myself in a position to speak strongly to various other critical issues, and not find myself feeling the need to restrict my focus to one crucial issue only, given the circumstances of this being an e-mail letter that will obviously be better presented and accepted with a single-focus only.

The particular policy I refer to above as my particular, and singular, focus in this letter is that of HepC /86/90 being declared as the "Last Payee", a policy---actually an "escape-clause", as it turns out(!)--which is highly deleterious to the victims that the Settlement fund is supposedly here to serve in various ways:...for example, by assisting with providing much-needed information, assisting with funding options, helping with the various difficult processes that victims have to had to go through and endure, and to compensate for damages done to these victims, FAR too many of them who, after suffering for years, are now dead!! Unthinkable!!!

And yes, we have been victimized, and traumatized, AND we are all trying our ultimate best to become Survivors! ---We are victims who unknowingly received transfusions of contaminated blood from within a medical system in which we, as patients, had had to place our trust and our faith, ---and as a result, we have each been forced to bear the many damages done and caused by the unthinkable actions, and unconscionable NON-actions, of the Canadian Blood Agency "personnel", --AND-- quite frankly, what amounted to outright CRIMINAL NEGLECT by the Canadian Blood Agency.

I, myself, am a victim of a contaminated blood transfusion that I was given in Dec./98, blood which, unbeknownst to me, was contaminated with the HepC virus.--This evil virus was quiet for years, but I began to become suspicious of its beginning to act up three or four years ago.----

Then the disastrous and traumatic events happened during the summer of 2014.--- I was diagnosed with liver cancer, hepatocellular cancer, four tumors, caused by the HepC virus which I had contracted in Dec./98 through having been given a contaminated blood transfusion. I had major surgery (successful) on Oct. 15,2014, but I spent more than two months in hospital, and much longer in recovery. My cancer was found to be potentially invasive, unfortunately.--Just shortly afterwards, while I was still recovering, I suffered a recurrence in March, 2015.--- Unfortunately, surgery was not an option this time.---I had an extremely tricky, and highly risky, RFA procedure, one that had been devised and done only once before in all of Canada!!! --Fortunately for me, it appears to have been successful, except that the 3-mo.-follow-up CTScan shows four nodules, too small to be characterized a this point.---If they remain too small, that's a good thing for me!-- But if they grow, I'm in serious trouble once again, and I might not even make it through this time.--I won't be able to receive any information for a full three months when I have yet another CTScan. All of this waiting is extremely hard, emotionally and physically. It takes a huge toll on myself, my husband, and my entire family.

Prior to all of this, I was an active, vibrant, energetic woman who was deeply and actively involved within my social network of friends and colleagues, within my community here in Kingston, and within my wonderful and fun-loving family, also all living here in Kingston.

Now on to my concerns about the HepC funds:-----A major concern is the completely unfair policy declaring the HEPC86/90 Settlement Fund as the "last payee".----I believe this to be completely unfair.---It is a policy that denies victims their rights to quick and easy reimbursement and compensation.---Not only that, this policy is dangerous to the health and recovery of HepC-86/90 victims. I will refer here to myself and to my case, in particular.--Case in point here is that I had worked extremely hard for hours and hours on end to go through all of the red tape with HepC-86/90 in order to get their approval for a 12-week course of Harvoni treatment, the new drug which my doctor had prescribed in order to cure my HepC. (Note:---A 12-week course cost approximately $80,000!!)---After a couple of months of red-tape, I finally did get my approval from HepC-86/90, and was ready to get started on this highly successful treatment, which would not only cure my HepC, but also remove my risk of yet another recurrence of my liver cancer! However, I received a major blow just before HepC-86/90 signed the final papers for me to get started and to receive my much-needed reimbursement for the high cost of Harvoni treatment. The blow to which I refer is that the Ontario government finally decided that they were possibly going to start covering Harvoni through the ODB. Of course, this was great for all those HepC sufferers who had no other insurance coverage!!----But it was certainly not great for me, personally, given my particular situation, having just recently received my final approval for reimbursement from hepC-86/90, and ready to start my treatment upon my medication delivery within a few days. The horrible blow for me was that even though the government had not yet made a FIRM decision concerning coverage, HepC-86/90 immediately, and without even notifying me personally, removed themselves from any and all responsibility for reimbursement of the $80,000 cost of my treatment, and dropped me like a hot potato, denying any responsibility whatsoever for reimbursing me as promised. They justified this removal of my right to coverage by citing their legal "out" of declaring themselves as the "last payee"-----meaning that, therefore, if there was ANY chance WHATSOEVER that I might somehow be able to get Harvoni paid for through a different insurance source, that HepC-86/90, as the "last payee", would therefore now be denying me their previously promised reimbursement.

The disastrous, two-fold effects resulting from this highly unfair "last payee" policy were twofold:

...........(#1)...it took so long to make it through all of the new Ont. government, "special committee" bureaucratic red-tape for approval of acceptance into their program that I had to wait MONTHS longer before I finally was issued ODB coverage approval, and even at that, I was initially only approved for 2/3 of the treatment which had been prescribed by my doctor! So to drag out the approval process even longer yet, I had to go through yet another mess of completely tangled-up red-tape, and spend more time waiting desperately to get started on my curative Harvoni treatment to which I had long ago been entitled, and then ultimately denied(!!) by HepC-86/90!.. HepC-86/90 cheated me out of what was rightfully mine, and out of months of my life----perhaps even much more, as you will read below in (#2).

...........(#2)...The second absolutely, and utterly disastrous part of this two-fold effect was that during this long drawn-out, and completely unfair process of trying to get the treatment that I was rightfully entitled to, I suffered a recurrence of my liver cancer!----Hepatocellular cancer ---which was caused by the very HepC virus for which I had been so unfairly denied my prescribed curative Harvoni treatment, my previous approval having been withdrawn and reimbursement denied by the HepC 86/90 Settlement Fund using its "last-payee" policy as an escape route . And the "pay-off" for me??---The horrifically disastrous consequence of being diagnosed with a recurrence of the dreaded hepatocellular cancer in my liver! with the result that I again had to wait MONTHS before I could begin the Harvoni which would cure my Hep C, and remove the future cancer risk!! --Why the wait this time?--Because I had to wait for the special RFA procedure to be developed, and then go through the procedure, another stay in hospital, followed by a recovery period until I could again become well enough to undertake the course of Harvoni treatment which, BY RIGHTS, I ought to have been able to have fully and successfully completed LONG BEFORE my recurrence!!--Had the HepC-/86-90 process unfolded properly, and FAIRLY, on my behalf, I would have ALREADY completed my 12-week Harvoni treatment, and the odds are very high that I would NOT have suffered that recurrence at all,nor would I have had to undergo the risky procedures that I had to suffer through in the spring of this year!

Is it any wonder now that there is now a huge SURPLUS of $236 million to $256 million??!!--That "Last Payee" escape clause certainly did "save" the

"Settlement Fund" a huge bundle of money!!-- However, I sincerely believe that this policy, as well as others not being discussed here, also contributed to the unthinkable number of eventual deaths of innocent victims, and unbearable pain for so many families, parents and children, who had to watch their loved ones endure years of suffering, and then lose them again when they eventually succumbed and died. .......Simply NOT FAIR, in any sense of the word!!!

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that it is my strong opinion that a full three-quarters (3/4) of the current "surplus" should be allocated in favor of Hep C-/86/90 Class Members as compensation for having been forced to suffer needlessly, through no fault of their own, and who have had to continue to endure this travesty of justice for far too many years, ---and that the remaining one-quarter (1/4) should be allocated to family members who have lost loved ones who have suffered and died as a result of the contaminated blood transfusions of /86-/90.

Respectfully yours,

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**Date:**

**We are writing to you in reference to a letter we received regarding surplus in the Hepatitis C Claim and how it should be used.**

**We feel that this money should be paid out to the families to compensate for their losses. In our situation [redacted] lost everything she owned due to her medical condition. The cost of her medications and many trips to the doctors, forced her to re-mortgage her house which was paid for. She could not afford to keep up with her life insurance policies and in return she left nothing but debt to her family when she passed. Un paid bills included: credit cards, pharmacy bills, gas bills, car repair, Wells Fargo (re-mortgage) ect... and no life insurance to cover cost of funeral or accumulated expenses that followed.**

**At the time we were unaware that there was any compensation for our family when [redacted] passed.**

**We believe the surplus should be paid out to the families with claims such as ours. No family should ever have to go through the pain and suffering our family had to experience.**

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**Sincerely,**

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