

This is the 1st Affidavit
of Julie-Lynn Davis in this case
and was made on 1st/April/2016

Court File No. 98-CV-141369 CP00

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N:

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

B E T W E E N:

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

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THE GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YUKON
TERRITORY

Intervenors

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

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

Mis-en-cause

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-

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AFFIDAVIT OF JULIE-LYNN DAVIS
(sworn April 1, 2016)

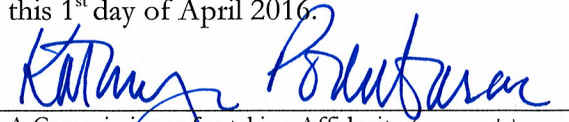
I, Julie-Lynn Davis, of the Town of Ajax, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

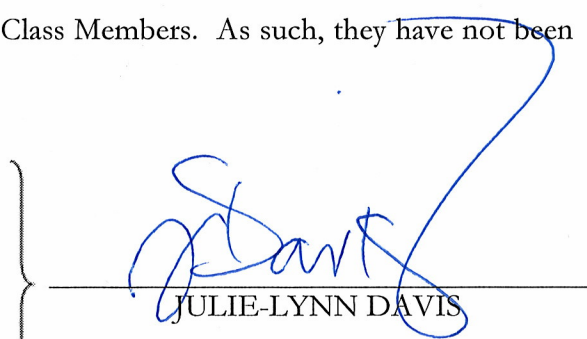
1. I am a legal assistant at Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation (“**PBPC**”), assisting Kathryn Podrebarac, who is a member of the Joint Committee. As such, I have personal knowledge of things to which I herein depose, except where stated to be based on information and belief. In all such instances, I have stated the source of the information and believe it to be true.
2. On October 15, 2015 Alan Melamud swore an affidavit (the “**Melamud Affidavit**”) which appended a copy of the written submissions PBPC received, from early August 2015 through to October 14, 2015, by mail, fax or by email from Class Members directly or which had been forwarded by the Administrator, pertaining to the allocation of the actuarially unallocated funds.
3. Thereafter, PBPC continued to receive additional calls and written submissions from Class Members across Canada.
4. I have gathered and compiled the additional written submissions PBPC received from October 14, 2015 to March 31, 2016 by mail, fax or by email from Class Members pertaining to the allocation of the actuarially unallocated funds. Attached as **Exhibit “A”** are the additional written submissions received by PBPC from October 14, 2015 to March 31, 2016.
5. I have coordinated with staff members employed by the other Joint Committee members to avoid duplication, where possible. Written submissions that were identified as being sent to other Joint Committee members have been included in Exhibit “A” and have been excluded, to the extent possible, from the other Joint Committee member’s materials.
6. The written communications received from Class Members that were purely administrative (eg: change of address) or do not provide information, commentary,

suggestions or recommendations regarding use of the actuarially unallocated funds are not included in Exhibit "A".

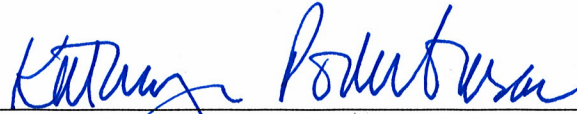
7. The 64 additional written submissions received by PBPC from Class Members at Exhibit A have been redacted to remove the names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, signatures and photos, where applicable, to protect the privacy of Class Members. These submissions have been organized chronologically except where one person submitted more than one communication in which case all communications from that person have been grouped together and treated as a single submission. Ms. Podrebarac advises me and I believe that additional submissions received in French were forwarded to the office of Mr. Savonitto of the Joint Committee for consideration and inclusion in his office's affidavit relating to written submissions from Class Members. As such, they have not been included in Exhibit A.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
Toronto, in the Province of Ontario,
this 1st day of April 2016.


A Commissioner for taking Affidavits (or as may be)
KATHRYN PODREBARAC


JULIE-LYNN DAVIS

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the
Affidavit of Julie-Lynn Davis
sworn before me,
this 1st day of April 2016


A COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS

From: [REDACTED]
To: jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; hepc@strosbergco.com; info@savonitto.com; Kathryn Podrebarac
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Written Submission re: Trust Fund Surplus
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015 19:10:57
Attachments: [Hepatitis C Letter.docx](#)

Please find attached [REDACTED] written submission to the Joint Committee.

September 10, 2015

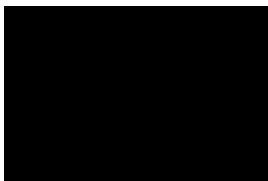
Attention: Hepatitis C Joint Committee:

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 disease, I think deep down he thought he could beat it. On October [REDACTED], 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 than 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!



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: 8690 hep c view point
Date: Friday, September 11, 2015 14:06:08

Dear Administrator,

Re 8690 Hep C Claimant 158

In light of recent news that the 8690 Hep C Settlement Fund is in a surplus state I wish to provide my opinion re the allocation of the surplus funds for the benefit of class members.

I, [REDACTED], am an adult child of a Hep C victim, [REDACTED] who died from the disease. My claim number is [REDACTED]. I received a compensation payment of \$5364.39 on November [REDACTED].

My [REDACTED] each received compensation of \$536.44.

If surplus funds are to be disbursed to all infected victims and their family members I feel consideration should be given to the following:

Increased compensation for the loss of a parent. For 7 years prior to his death on November 7, 1996, my father's health deteriorated substantially...changing his life as an independent healthy senior to an afflicted dependent. His suffering was physically and mentally intense and for 7 years deprived us, his children and grandchildren of his engaged companionship and robust lifestyle. Due to his long practised healthy lifestyle and his fortunate longevity genes his life prior to tainted blood was activity based with active engagement with his family and his community. His projected life span, based on his family genes and his healthy physical and mental state prior to the Hep C infection from tainted blood, should have seen him live well beyond the 99 year actuarial numbers. That all changed as of February [REDACTED] when he was given tainted blood via a transfusion at the VG Hospital in Halifax, NS. He died at 97 from Hep C complications. He and we were robbed of 7 Plus years of quality family life.

The compensation provided to adult children and grandchildren. I feel, was inadequate for such a great loss of a much loved family patriarch.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Please advise re receipt of this submission.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hepatitis C Settlement-Member [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 20:51:49

Hi Kathryn,

I'm writing on behalf of my parents [REDACTED] both were infected with Hepatitis C.

We all 3 attended the session you held in Toronto on August 25th and found it very informative.

[REDACTED] was approved at DL3 & [REDACTED] was approved at DL4 however received the same payout at DL3.

Our question is why didn't [REDACTED] receive a higher payout?

Also if the courts decide to enhance benefits to the class from the surplus we would prefer it in a lump sum. If there is a lump sum we feel the disease level should be considered however for the living members first and then for the families of the deceased.

We feel those that are still living and currently suffering from the disease right now should be compensated at a higher amount than the family members of the deceased infected member.

Please keep my email on file if you need to communicate by email to my mom & dad.

Thank you,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: 1986-1990 Hep-C Settlement Agreement
Date: Monday, September 21, 2015 18:02:05

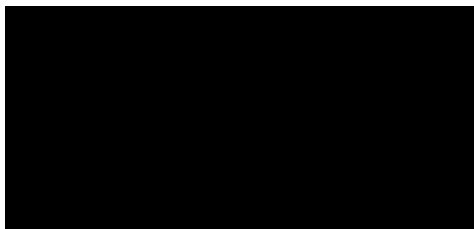
Kathryn Strosberg,

I think the surplus of millions of dollars should be given to the Class Members and Class Family Members.

- It was award for wrong doing for not checking blood products before issuing it to patients.
- You paid mileage not considering what type of gas your vehicle take or size of your vehicle or gas prices.
- You don't get the paid for the day(s) off for doctor appointments.
- If you take the lum sum, that doesn't help if you have to do the treatment more than once.
- No prescription cover most of your money goes to the cover the cost so your always behind with other comments
- You can't put a dollar amount when it comes to a life and death situation when it wasn't the members fault so anything to help ease members and their family is only fair.

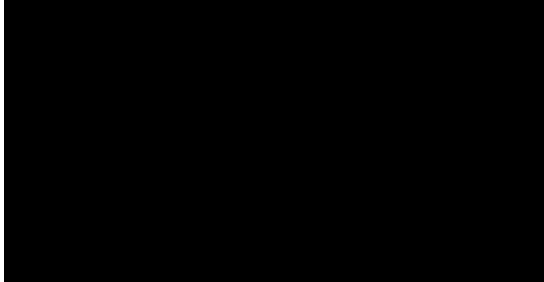
I just wanted to have my say hoping this will help the Class Members receive the surplus deserved,

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: hepc8690 surplus
Date: Monday, September 21, 2015 19:18:49

September 21 2015



Joint Committee Members
J.J. Camp Q.C.
Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman
Michel Savonitto
Savonitto & Ass. Inc.
Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Kathryn Podrebarac
Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation

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



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hep C 86-90
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 21:09:42

Hello, i am writing to you today in regards to a letter i had received in the mail a short while ago. The letter stated that there is a surplus in the fund for people who lost family members from blood transfusions. My grandfathers life was taken in 2003 from a blood transfusion that he had to receive due to a stomach ulcer. I was 6 when he passed and i hardly remember him. What pains me the most about loosing him is that i will never get to see the look on his face when i, or any of my sisters, have our children. My future children will grow up not ever knowing their grandpa like they should. He was so young. I was at a baby shower the other week and one of my friends brought up doing a generation picture with the baby, and i got excited about one day doing that in the future but i cried because i realized i will never be able to. Family is the most important thing in my life and having a piece of it ripped away from me so young hurts. The only thing i have of his is the copious boxes of poems that he wrote to understand what he was like. There is not a day that goes by that i don't think about him, and how he could help guide us through the rough times in our lives. It hurts knowing that he missed watching me walk across that stage to receive my diploma and also wont be there on my wedding day. We received \$300 each from the fund, which i don't even remember getting, my mom bought my sister and I a TV to share. I believe the surplus should be divided amongst the families who have lost someone who is irreplaceable.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement
Date: Friday, October 2, 2015 17:09:10

Dear Kathryn Podrebarac,

My name is [REDACTED], a retired teacher who is living with HCV since 1989. I am presently a Disease Level Five class member who has been treated with the expensive combination drug therapy sofosbuvir/simeprevir. Fortunately for me this medication expense was reimbursed by the monies allocated for drug treatment expenses from the HCV Settlement 1986-1990.

I feel that benefits from the surplus funds should continue to be allocated to the class members and their families for any future medical expenses in dealing with this HCV ongoing disease and related disease outcomes ie: cirrhosis and or liver transplant.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement Letter
Date: Sunday, October 11, 2015 15:16:07
Attachments: [1 - Joint Committee Letter.pdf](#)

Hi Kathryn,

Please find attached a copy of our letter for the Joint Committee. A paper copy with all family signatures included will be mailed on Tuesday.

[REDACTED]

Kathryn Podrebarac
Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation
Suite 701, 151 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4

Re: 1986 - 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

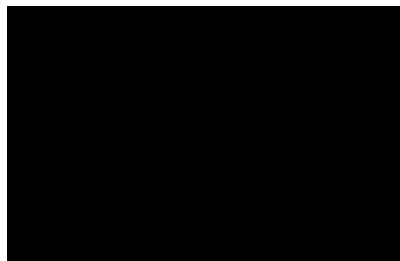
This letter is written for the Joint Committee with regards to the 1986 - 1990 Hepatitis C settlement. We are submitting this letter as the family of [REDACTED] who developed Hepatitis C as a result of the IV transfusions he received to treat hemophilia. No amount of money will bring our father/grandfather back to us, however the Hepatitis C did result in his liver failure and premature death at the age of 67.

This family is no stranger to loss that has occurred as a result of tainted blood products. Previous to the 1980's we lost a 6 year old family member who was also afflicted with hemophilia. This was a life lost far too soon. Our father/grandfather always blamed himself for giving [REDACTED] this genetic disease.

We understand that it is the court's decision as to how the surplus money will be allocated. If it is not paid to the Class Members it is our hope that it be used to help those currently suffering from Hepatitis C and to ensure that blood products remain safe. It is only through testing and controls that we can prevent another disaster.

Our family has one remaining member who currently suffers from hemophilia. At this time we are very pleased with the safety protocols and products now available but we must remain vigilant. This member lives every day with the knowledge of what happened to his grandfather and cousin and the worry that it might happen again.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement
Date: Monday, October 12, 2015 0:42:08
Attachments: [hepc.docx](#)

Hi,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and other Thalassemia patients like me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Hi,

I am a Thalassemia patient who was given the Hep C virus as a child (probably when I was 13) due to my requirements for monthly blood transfusions. I have received compensation at a level 3. It is difficult to say how much hep C has contributed to my life because I got it so young. I have been able to get a bachelor's degree in Civil engineering and have worked since I graduated in 1996. Having said all that I know that I am compromised in my everyday life. Keeping up with my 2 year old son is a big challenge. Keeping up my 1300 sq ft home is an even bigger challenge. I think the contribution to tiredness and fatigue have shaped my life. I think that Thalassemia patients in my situation should be compensated with loss of service to help maintain a home at the very least. This class action suit was for people who were given a disease by the federal government. Please do not lose sight of that. Other members who somehow (?) got the disease afterwards are not the same as us.

Thanks,

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Oct 14th, 2015

Attention The Joint Committee Members;

We have been asked to send a written submission to each of the Joint Committee members regarding the surplus in the Trust Fund of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement.

In our opinion the surplus should be disbursed to Class Members and Family Class Members.

This fund was set up for these claimants and therefore any surplus should be fully distributed to them.

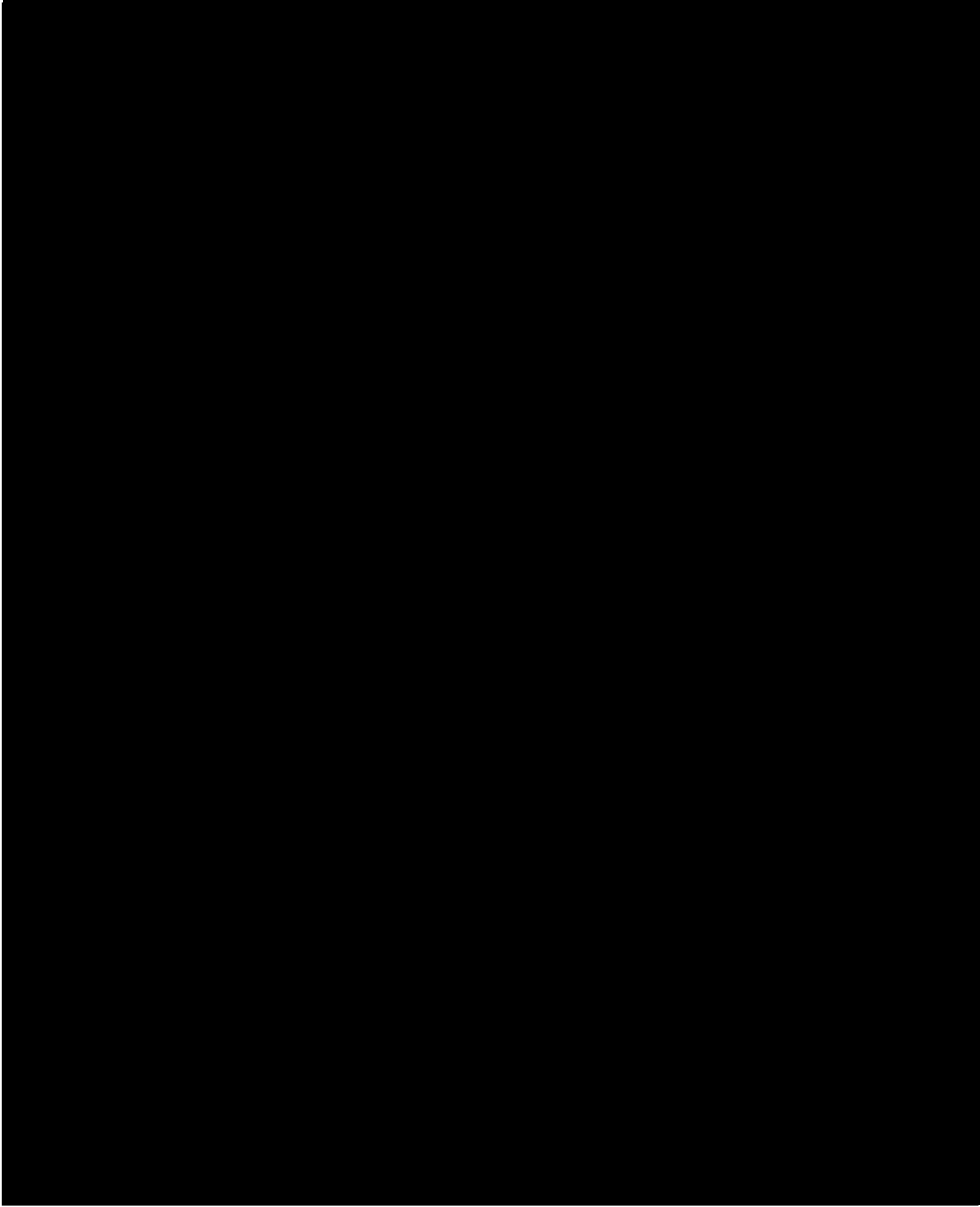
This opinion has been approved by all family members of [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]

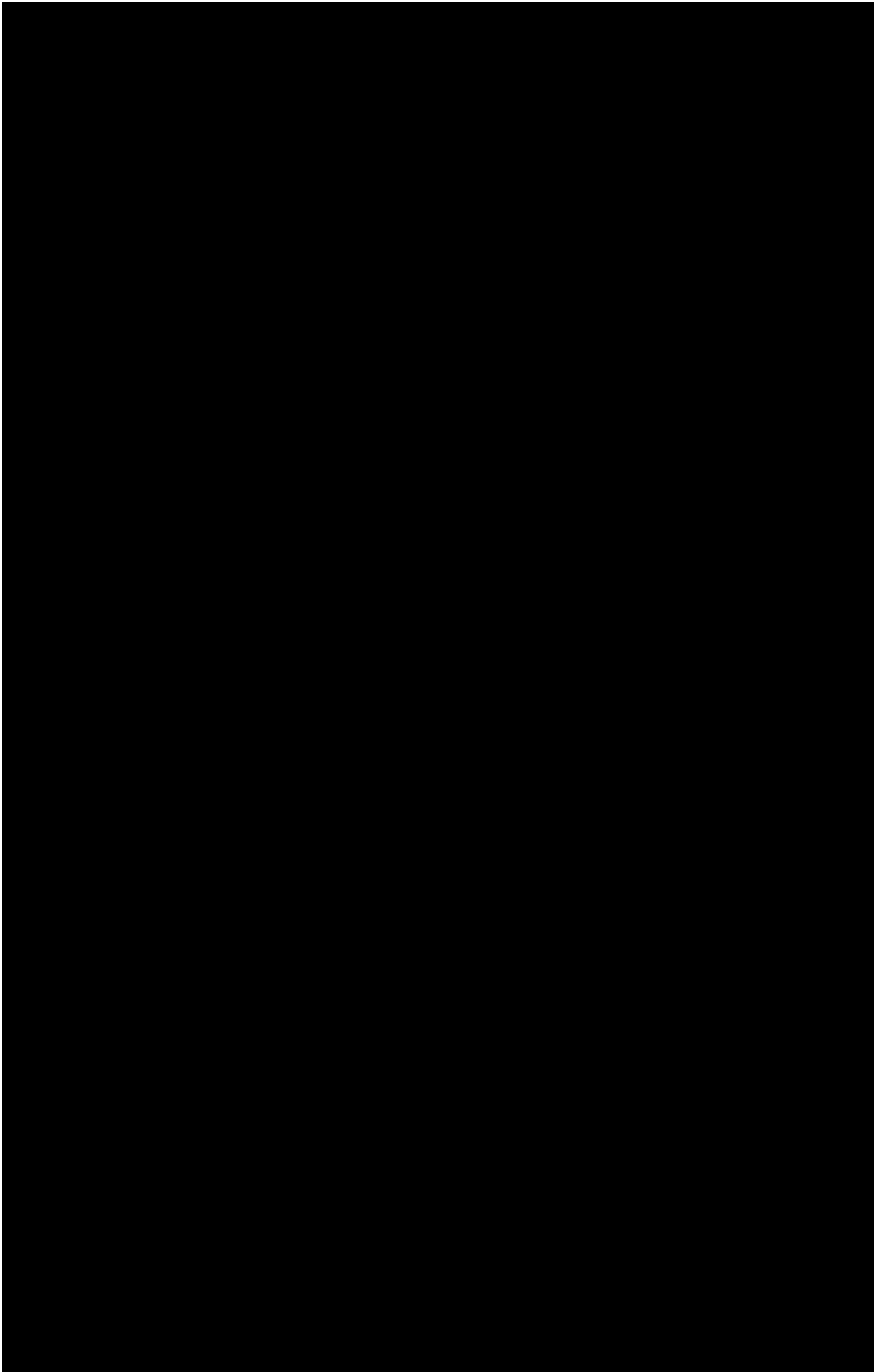
Attached please find an updated list of family members and their current addresses. Please ensure these updated addresses are used in future communication for [REDACTED]

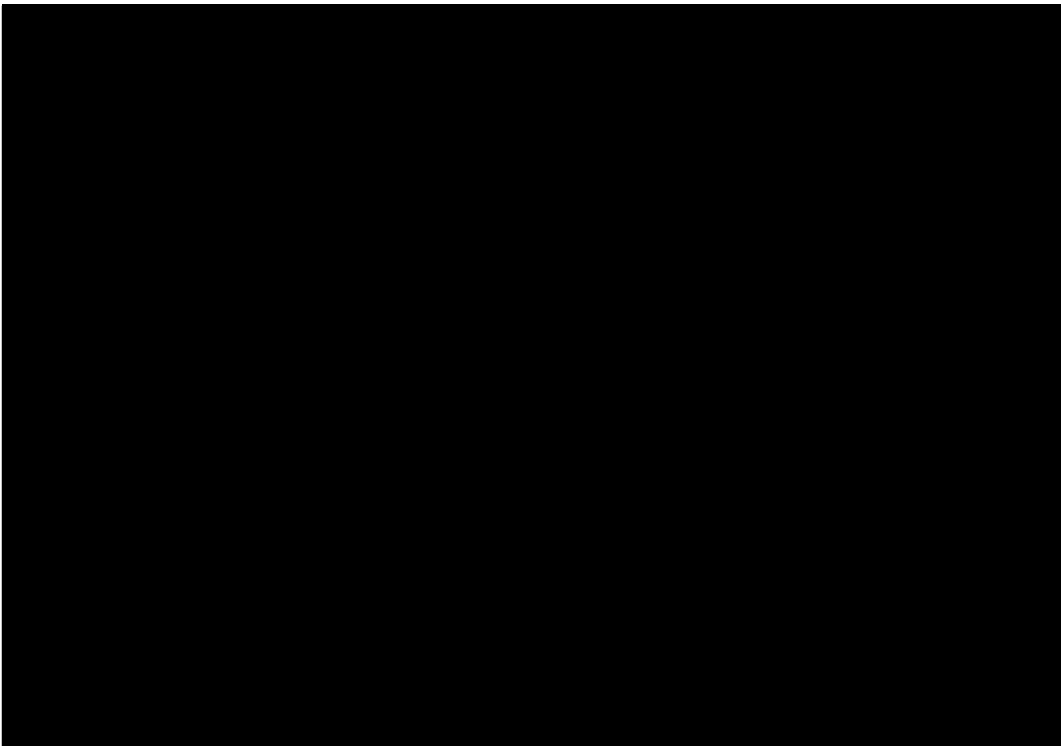
Thank you for your consideration on our input

[REDACTED]









From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: surplus: re1986-1990 Hep. c settlement
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015 19:35:05

Hello Kathryn Podrebarae,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my late mother-[REDACTED], who passed away from Hepatitis c complications, April [REDACTED].

As her daughter, I am in support of the surplus being kept in a fund for the class members/family class members. I have not been able to bury my mother because I do not have the \$ I do not understand why there can't be a process that ALLOWS for monies to be distributed to the funeral parlour purchasing a plot that will cover the burial-DIRECTLY. It is not REALISTIC that family members of hep c claimants have to pay for the plot FIRST, THEN be reimbursed later by the hep c settlement fund. Not only is this not realistic, it is not fair. Not everyone has thousands they can pull out of their pocket. Therefore, my mother is in a box on a ledge of my hutch in my living room.

I am very sad and disheartened that I cannot bring somewhat of a closure to my mother's journey, as she wanted to be buried in the same cemetery as her baby brother. I cannot finish her wish, her final request. I cannot come up with the funds to do so. I am hoping this plight can shed some light on a simple but yet very challenging request. My mother deserves that.

We have endured a lot of pain, suffering and in actuality, it took me over a year to PROCESS her death. Who knew?

I am asking for your help on behalf of my mother [REDACTED], who isn't just a hep c claimant, but a person who represents a cascade of attributes like every other human being. I'm her voice. Please help us to bury her.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Kathryn Podrebarac
Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation
Suite 701, 151 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4

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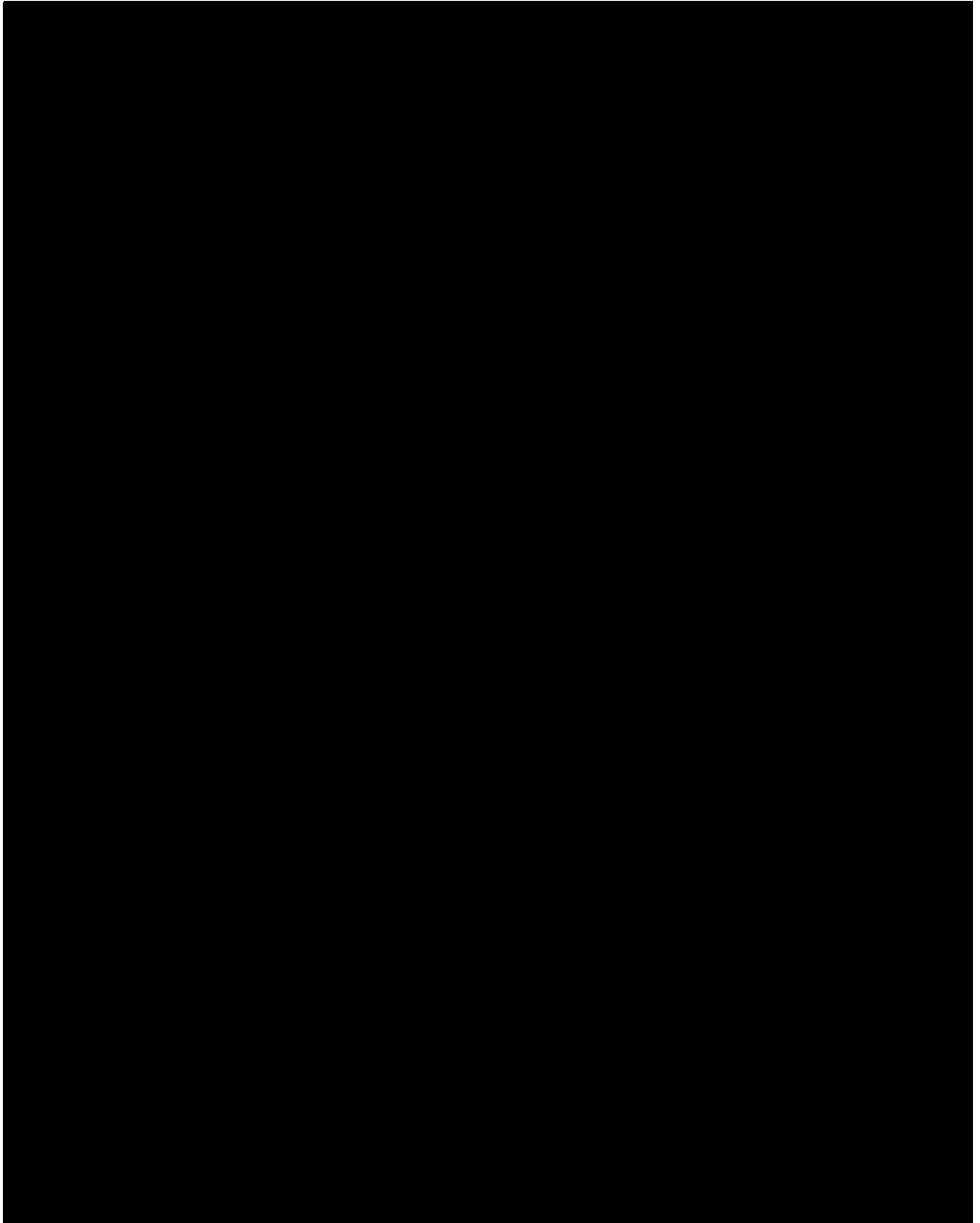
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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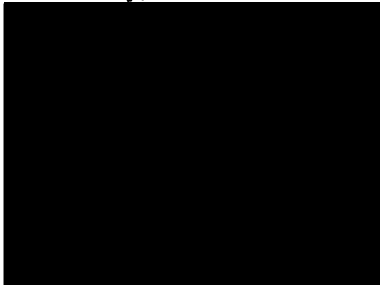
Kathryn Podrebarac
Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation
Suite 701, 151 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4

Attn: Kathryn Podrebarac

Re: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

In response to the letter I have received Re: Hepatitis C Settlement, I support that surplus funds in the Trust Fund should be dispersed equally to the Class Members and Family Class Members.

Sincerely,



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October 19, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern,

My husband, [REDACTED] died
December [REDACTED].

He will be gone [REDACTED] years (as of
December).

Nothing will replace his being here
BUT I do think that the surplus
should go to the Class Action
members.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Reply to letter
Date: Monday, October 26, 2015 15:20:45


Dear Kathryn Podrebarac

I'm reply to the joint committee in regards to the recent letter sent out about the surplus. I'm in favour to the Class Members and Family Class Members in receiving the funds that are being held in trust. I'm a family member and have lost my father do to this illness and there was just not enough time for us to say our good byes no one should have to suffer a lost as this or my father should have never went threw the suffering that he did. With this in mind I would think of the other people who has went through the same as I did and feel for them. This money was awarded for the individual and the family that this terrible illness has caused them therefore I am in agreement that the funds be awarded to them.

Thank you for this opportunity to give my opinion on this matter.

Thank you


[REDACTED]



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To The Joint Committees

Oct, 26/15.

My sister  was operated on in the year 1988. During that time, she was given blood transfusions, which were tainted. She was not notified until 15 years later, that she had been infected with Hepatitis C. She was devastated, her husband had just recently passed away , and she was afraid that in some way her being infected had contributed to his death. She felt dirty. Our mother and family were all at risk , not knowing that she had hepatitis C , when they were caring for her after her surgery, and through out her recovery.

This is the first opportunity that we have had, to voice our feelings about the terrible situation that our sister was put in , the constant stress and worry about her own mortality really took a terrible toll on her .

It is our opinion , that the trust fund should be allocated to the class members, and family class members. The priority should be to take care of the victims, and there families.

We hope to attend the meeting of the joint committee in June.

Yours Sincerely



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: proposals to the joint committee
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 19:02:44

Attn: Kathryn Podrebarac

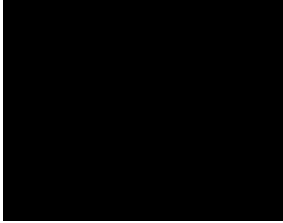
This letter is in response to a request from the Joint Committee on the allocation of surplus monies held in the HEPC trust fund. I have been handling the issue on behalf of the estate since February 2011, when interaction with the HEPC contact centre was required. This office has a wealth of information and responds to inquiries in a timely and efficient manner. My experience with these people has been positive and uneventful and as such I can only assume that others have had similar experiences. With this in mind I am hopeful that these individuals are also aware of the benefits and compensation which is available to them as claimants. I am not sure the word surplus is appropriate in this instance as the nature of the legal action was to compensate individuals who became sick and or died because they put their trust in a system that failed them. These funds should be allocated and distributed in the manner in which they were directed and that is to be disbursed to Class Members and Family Class Members as compensation for those that have been affected by a blood collection process. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of my position and that of all claimants.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: My Father [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, October 30, 2015 10:49:22

Dear Kathryn

My father contracted Hepatitis C through his blood transfusion. As a family we watched a very strong and vibrant man slowly deteriorate. It was very hard to watch him suffer for so long. Please do your best as I know you will to make sure that everyone whom has been touched by this disease is compensated as promised. Thanking you in advance for your hard work and dedication.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hep C Settlement
Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 12:59:58
Attachments: [Hep C letter.docx](#)

Please see attached.

If you are unable to open this file please let me know and I will resubmit it.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

October 31, 2015

To the Joint Committee HEP C 86-90 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] deceased on November [REDACTED]

Following are my comments and feelings concerning the injustice of this Class Action Law Suit.

My mother was a healthy vibrant woman who travel all the time. Several years after her diagnostic of Hep C through Blood Transfusion this all came to a stop. My mother lived with us (my husband and 2 kids) before and after given the tainted blood.

Myself and my kids seen my mother go from Travelling all over, spending her summers at the campsite with her grandkids to having to feed her and take care of her. Applying lotion on her body because it itched to much.

My husband and I had to work so we had to get help for her near the end before I had to put her in a home.

This was hard on everyone, the helpless ness she was experiencing and knowing she could not do what she wanted to and have to rely on her grandkids to feed her at lunch. My son would come home from school at lunch to help her. My Daughter would help her at night.

After placing her in a home it was just as hard. She needed to be fed, her kids would take turns when they could. Go to the home and help feed her, they would travel from Montreal and Ottawa on weekend.

One of the most heart wrenching night is when my brother told me that my mother started crying, the only thing she wanted was water and he could not understand her, she was too weak to do it herself and as you know there is never enough help in the Nursing homes. The only thing she wanted was water. She never asked for anything.

The money was needed then to help her when she was alive, she did not have a big saving account and a small pension.

Her brothers and sisters would visit but stay in the next room, they were too afraid to catch it, and this class action lawsuit compensated them by giving them \$5,000 each. That was the other insult and then to find out her grandkids that helped feed her, take care of her, apply lotion to her slowly deteriorating body only got \$500 that is unfair. The image that they have of an active bubbly person was taken away in the span of a year.

The countless hours I took off work to take my mother to the doctors, evaluations and test. I was fortunate to have Family related leave to take my mother to her appoints, which was great, but it was still hard having to ask every month to have an afternoon off.

I feel the Federal or Provincial Government's have no right in the surplus funds. This should be used to help the surviving people with Hep C. and to do the injustice that has been done to the families.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: "Hep C"
Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 16:04:52
Attachments: [Hep C.docx](#)
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Please see the attached. Thank you, [REDACTED]



November 2, 2015

Ms. Kathryn Podrebarac
Podrebarac Barristers Professional Corporation
Suite 701, 151 Bloor Street West
Toronto, On
M5S 1S4

Dear Ms. Podrebarac:

Re: Response to request for thoughts on 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement Surplus
-and-

Re: 

I recently reviewed the suggested categories listed online for where I feel the settlement may have fell short. I'm having difficulty determining where my scenarios may fit within these categories so instead I will offer the following:

- 1) My wife and I owned a small fine dining restaurant in a seasonal environment. During the busy season we had two seasonal employees, during the off season the budget did not provide income to hire employees.

During the 13 months I was in the treatment program the side effects had effected my performance in the business. This caused shorter hours, smaller menus and ultimately our business had to close.

Not only was my income effected but my wife's too. Living in a seasonal community does not offer much employment and our community was already saturated. Therefore, neither my wife or myself could find employment and non existent resources with bad health attached made day to day survival extremely difficult.

There does not seem to be compensation for individuals such as my wife whose life was directly and dramatically effected.

- 2) Secondly, as a result of receiving the Hep C through tainted blood during the tainted blood scandal I was left with a severely scarred liver. My risk of liver cancer is very high. I've had to alter my life to support the risk of cancer, where some changes are positive, others are not. My wife and I live with the fear of cancer everyday.....where is the compensation for that.
- 3) I feel that the surplus should be distributed to those who are already members of the settlement for their ongoing consequences as result of their experience with the Hep C.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and good luck.

Sincerely,

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I [REDACTED] would like to see this money
in my Account Please.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
FAX 416-348-7505

From: [REDACTED]
To: hepc@strosbergco.com
Cc: jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; info@savonitto.com; Kathryn Podrebarac
Subject: written submission regarding Hepatitis C settlement surplus
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 11:05:03
Attachments: [Hep. C letter 2015.docx](#)

Dear Joint Committee Members,

Attached, you will find an email of a hard-copy letter currently en route to Mr. Harvey Strosberg.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

██████████
November 3, 2015

Harvey Strosberg Q.C.
Sutts Strosberg LLP
600 – 251 Goyeau Street
Windsor, ON N9A 6V4

Dear Mr. Strosberg,

I would like to thank you and the other Joint Committee Members for the opportunity to comment regarding the 1986 – 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement.

Simply put, contracting Hepatitis C prevented me from having a career.

I contracted Hepatitis C in ██████████ from a tainted blood transfusion. I'm thankful I didn't get HIV/AIDS. Because of the nature of my illness, I was on long-term disability from ██████████. While recovering from all the surgeries, I started taking courses at Seneca College. From ██████████, I focused on finishing the program so that in ██████████, I graduated with a diploma in Library Techniques. That same year, I started working part-time for the pre-amalgamation Scarborough Public Library.

In ██████████, I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. As time went on, I found that brain fog and fatigue limited me to working no more than two full days in a row. By day three, I was of no use to anyone and needed to rest. When I took on too much, I had crash days as my body was telling me "you can't do this."

In the meantime, my colleagues took extra hours, were hired into fulltime work in our seniority-based system, and continued to work their way up. I have completed ██████████ years with the Toronto Public Library, still working in my entry-level position.

Because of the nature of my illness in ██████████, I did not qualify for interferon based drug therapy. In ██████████ after contracting Hepatitis C, I became part of a clinical trial at Toronto Western Hospital, of Abbott Laboratories, Hepatitis C Genome 1 treatment. All of the nineteen participants were cured! My brain fog has decreased, energy level increased, and the weight of having an infectious disease has been lifted.

Since then, I have applied for full-time positions but generally don't receive a call back; others with more seniority are filling the openings (plus, they are younger). During the one and only interview I had, one of the managers pointed to my lack of experience because I had not taken extra hours in other positions. I explained to her that I had not been able to work my way up in the organization because I had had

Hepatitis C. She back-pedaled very quickly but I told her that it was a good news story, as I no longer had the illness. I still did not get the job.

Mr. Strosberg and other Joint Committee Members, I am thankful for the payment I chose of \$60,000.00 plus interest. However, it is nowhere close to covering the income that I lost over these past [REDACTED]. I would love to have had an advanced career in the Library with the attendant financial benefits, but that was not to be. As it stands I will receive a minimal pension, which is unable to support my retirement.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:24
To: jj camp; Michel Savonitto; Kathryn Podrebarac
Subject: Fwd: LETTER #2 RE:--1986-1990 HEP C SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND SURPLUS

Importance: High

Subject: Fwd: LETTER #2 RE:--1986-1990 HEP C SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND SURPLUS

To: Members of the HepC-86/90 Joint Committee:

For your information, as members of the Joint Committee, I am forwarding to you what I have written to Harvey Strosberg Q.C. --There are two letters included herein.--The first contains my strongly stated comments about not having received any acknowledgment whatsoever of his having received my Letter of Submission, sent to him almost a month ago, on Oct. 12/15, as per the request of the Joint Committee.---The other letter contained herein is my original , formal Submission letter, as per the request of the Joint Committee. My complete formal Submission letter of Oct. 12/15 is below my complaint to Harvey Strosberg . I would very much appreciate it if you would scroll all the way down to my Formal Submission of Oct.12/15--(just below my note of complaint sent to Harvey Strosberg on Nov.8/15) -and read my Formal Submission in its entirety.---I would also very much appreciate receiving verification of your receipt of this communication.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Respectfully
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: November 8, 2015 2:25:47 PM EST
To: hepc@strosbergco.com
Subject: Fwd: LETTER #2 RE:--1986-1990 HEP C SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND SURPLUS

To: Harvey Strosberg, Q.C.

Sutts Strosberg, LLP
600-251 Goyeau St.
Windsor, Ontario, N9A6V4

Dear Sir:

As per the request of the Joint Committee, I submitted my letter to you on Oct. 12/15. (Please see my Oct. 12th Submission included below.)--I have not received any acknowledgment whatsoever from you that you actually received my letter which I submitted almost a full month ago. Nor have I received any such acknowledgment from the Joint Committee itself.

I would like to state that I put a lot of thought and effort into composing this letter for the Committee. It is my belief that I should have, at the very least, received the courtesy of a reply acknowledging receipt of my letter, and thanking me for my contribution. I have phoned your office at least four times in the interim, leaving a message asking for some kind of acknowledgment of receipt of my written submission. However, I have not yet received any response whatsoever to any of my calls. I take strong exception to this complete lack of courtesy.

I find this cavalier treatment completely unacceptable and inexcusable.--I, as a person, am MUCH MORE than simply a "Case #", tucked away in a file somewhere!--I am a very well-known, well-respected, and highly valued member of my community. And I deserve to be treated as such!--I strongly believe that not only I, myself, but each and EVERY OTHER person who ended up being victimized FOR LIFE by the Canadian Blood Agency's criminal actions between 1986 and 1990 deserve, at the VERY LEAST, to be treated with no less than the absolute ultimate in care, concern, consideration and respect!

Respectfully Submitted,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Date: October 12, 2015 2:38:06 PM EDT

To: hepc@strosbergco.com

Subject: LETTER #2 RE:--1986-1990 HEP C
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND SURPLUS

To: Harvey Strosberg, Q.C.

Sutts Strosberg LLP
600-251 Goyeau Street
Windsor, Ontario, N9A
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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 NEGLIGENCE by the Canadian Blood Agency.

I, myself, am a victim of a contaminated blood transfusion that I was given in Dec. [REDACTED], 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 [REDACTED] --- I was diagnosed with liver cancer, hepatocellular cancer, four tumors, caused by the HepC virus which I had contracted in Dec. [REDACTED] through having been given a contaminated blood transfusion. I had major surgery (successful) on Oct. [REDACTED], 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, [REDACTED].--- 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 at 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!

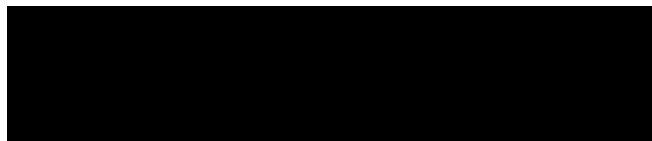
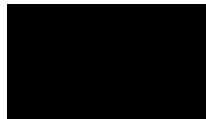
Is it any wonder now that there is now a huge SURPLUS of \$236 million to \$256 million??!--That "Last Payee" escape clause certainly did "save" the "Settlement Fund" a huge bundle of money!-- However, I sincerely believe that this policy, as

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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Ms. Kathryn Podrebarac

Suite 701,

151 Bloor Street West,

Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1S4

Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

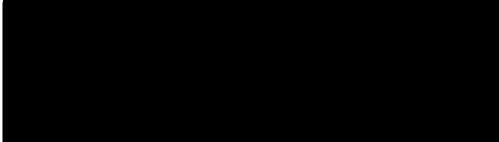
I recently received a letter stating that the Hepatitis C. Trust had declared a surplus after dealing with all the claims. The letter requested that claimants should submit their ideas as to what should be done with this surplus. I did not receive this request until recently as I had moved from the residence I was in when the claim was paid. It has taken me a while to submit my ideas as it is still painful to remember my son's illness and death and writing about it brings back strong memories.

I raised my son as a single parent and we were very close, particularly more so since he was a hemophiliac and required constant attention and medical treatment. The time when I discovered that he had AIDS and Hepatitis C. due to contaminated blood product, was the most devastating time in my life. He valiantly fought the diseases at a time when little treatment was known or administered and died at the young age of nineteen.

I did receive a portion of the Hep. C. claim, having had to share this with my son's father. It was a help at the time but in no way compensated for the loss of my son. I have always missed my son immensely but now, as I age (I have just turned 70), I realize I have no one to assist me either financially or physically in my declining years. Due to his physical disability I did not have other children so he would have been my sole support at this time.

You ask for our input into how to disburse the remaining surplus. I strongly advise distributing the funds among the claimants, proportionately to what they initially received. I am sure that those still struggling with the Hep. C. virus could use the financial help and those, like me, who have lost their loved ones and the support that they would have given, would be thankful.

I fervently hope that you consider the plight of the claimants when deciding how to distribute this surplus. Thank you for your consideration.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hep C Settlement - Letter to Joint Committee - K Podrebarac
Date: Friday, November 13, 2015 17:16:09

Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

We are writing to provide input into the Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement surplus process. Our father, [REDACTED] received compensation from the Settlement which was directed to his surviving wife, our mother, [REDACTED]

The settlement process covered a multitude of concerns regarding our mother's loss of her husband and provider but we feel there were concerns that were not adequately compensated. The loss of our father had a huge psychological impact on our mother and family. We feel the stress contributed to her contracting several stress-related, long-term illnesses often requiring lengthy hospital stays and possibly shortening her life. As a family we had to pull together support to deal with these medical issues, including stress on us and financial losses through, e.g., hiring a caregiver for our mother and missing days of employment for ourselves.

We appreciate this opportunity for input and look forward to your decisions.

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern - KATHRYN PODREBARAK

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I received your letter months ago, and thought it wouldn't make a difference if I were to reply. Seeing the Joint Committee wants my input, I figure what harm will it do.

I do believe that if my mother, hadn't got Hepatitis ~~C~~ she should have been around a lot longer. It was not "FAIR" She was a good Person.

She did nothing WRONG.

As far as the Surplus, should go to the Immediate Families, small portion stay in the Trust Fund.

Giving any money to anyone who suffered a loss from such a dreadful disease is just.

I Remember my mom said. 

I won't be around, but you kids should get something from this. That's the truth.

I think all the other people feel the same

Sincerely  

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hep C Input
Date: Thursday, November 26, 2015 20:08:16
Attachments: [hep.c.letter.doc](#)

Please find enclosed attachment.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Podrebarac:

I am responding to the letter I received regarding the surplus of funds of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement.

This is My input:

My name is [REDACTED] Our mother [REDACTED] [REDACTED], was a victim of this unspeakable miscarriage of justice. **She died on April** [REDACTED]

Our mother had open heart surgery on March [REDACTED] at the University of Heart Institute, Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario where she received 25 units of blood during her surgery.

On March [REDACTED] she entered the Ottawa Civic Hospital very ill we were not told how ill our Mother was. A lot of questions were asked if our Mother had any recent surgeries where she needed blood transfusions. The doctor in the emergency was told about our Mother's heart surgery in [REDACTED] She was admitted to the hospital, but a few days later was transferred to the Pembroke General Hospital in Pembroke, Ontario, because we were told there was nothing more that could be done for her. Our Mother died a very painful death, they would not give her anything stronger than a Tylenol because the disease had progressed to far. No one should every have to witness what this disease can do to the human body all because of someone's neglect. Thank God she didn't suffer to long.....

Four weeks after her death I was contacted by the Health Unit where I live that our Mother died from Hepatitis C. She explained to me that myself, my sisters and our Dad would need to be test for Hepatitis C, and at that time she explained to me if we had this disease how we would have to deal and live with it. They knew in Ottawa and in Pembroke Hospital that our Mother had Hepatitis C. We were furious that we were not told, by not telling us they jeopardized our lives, our spouses and our children. I have the Lab report from the Ottawa Civic Hospital on March [REDACTED] that a specimen was taken and it came back positive for antibodies to Hepatitis C Virus. We were in a state of shock after our Mother's death let alone finding out that she had contracted Hepatitis C during her Heart surgery.

Five months after our Mother died we had to put our Dad into a home because he could not psychologically handle the loss of our Mother. Not only did we lose our **Mother** but our **Dad**, our children lost their **Grandparents**. Our Parents never got to see their grandchildren graduate from University, get married or see their first Great Grandchild, **how unfair is that....**

The ironic thing about this whole tainted blood scandal is that the **RED CROSS** knew about it and yet they still used this blood on our Mother, this was a **death sentence**.

It has been [REDACTED] years since our Mother died and having to explain what should be done with this surplus of money just brings up all those feelings and emotions all over again. My sister to this day has a difficult time speaking about what happened to our Mother. It is something that you would like to forget about, but you can't. This is and was such a **miscarriage of justice.**

This excess of money should be given to the family members for the loss of their loved one because of the negligence of these people. **No questions asked!!!!** No amount of money will ever bring them back, but it will help with the psychological and emotional suffering that we all have been put through, also to the people that are living with this unspeakable disease.

I hope what I have written about our Mother's circumstances, and all the pain and suffering, emotionally and mentally as a family what we had to go through will help them make the right decision of what to do with this surplus of money.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern.

In regards to myself and
the [REDACTED] I
believe that any surplus
that is in the Trust Fund,
should be divided between
Class Members and Family
Class Members.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: hepc [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, November 30, 2015 20:38:23

My mother [REDACTED] contracted hepatitis C on
Mar [REDACTED] during heart surgery and died Apr. [REDACTED]
The blood my mother received was deliberately distributed even though the Red Cross knew it
was contaminated with hepatitis C.

You want to know what to do with the excess money. I thought the money was for the
people affected by hepatitis C .

[REDACTED]

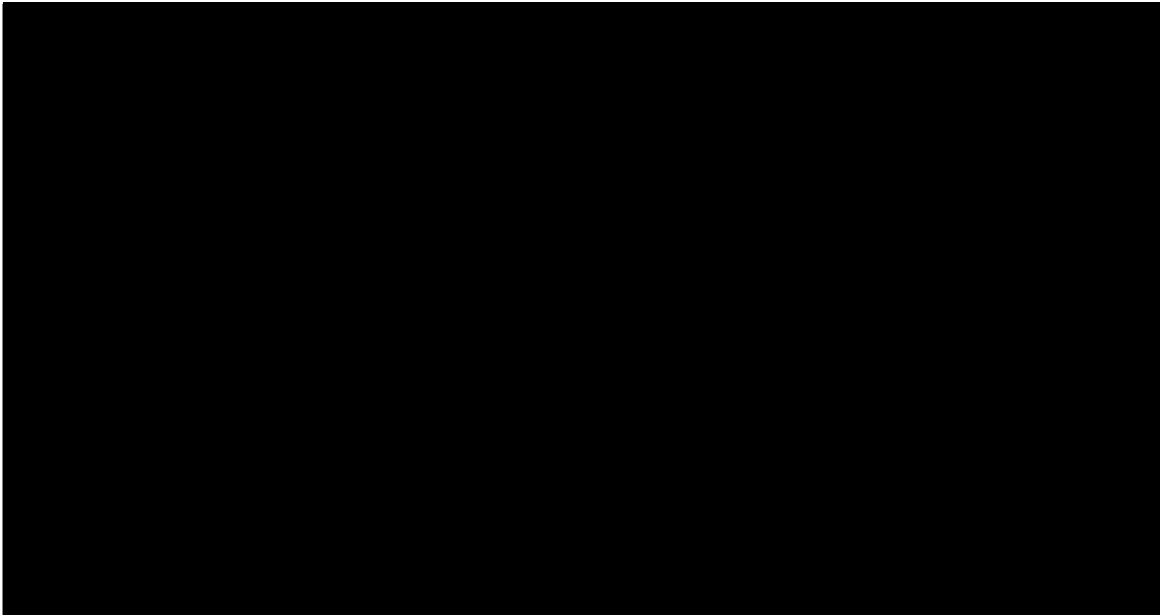
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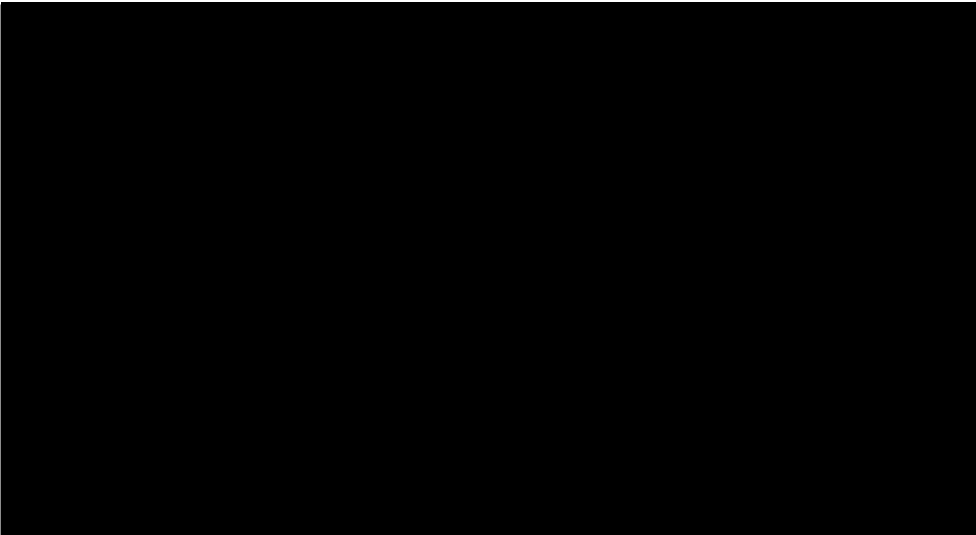
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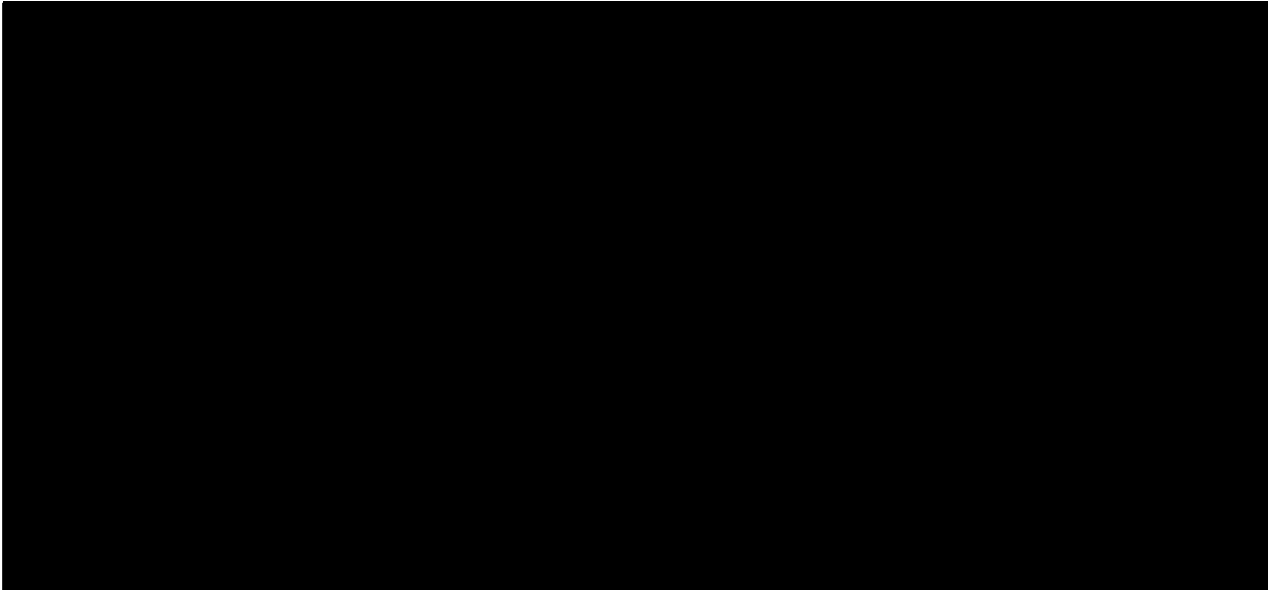
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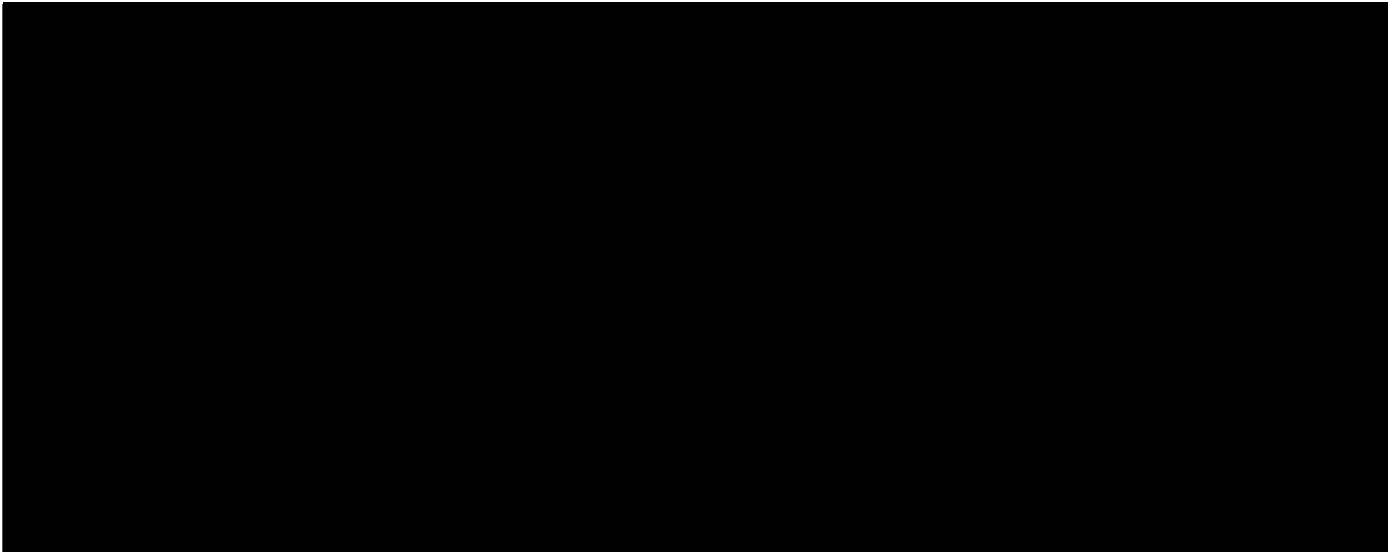
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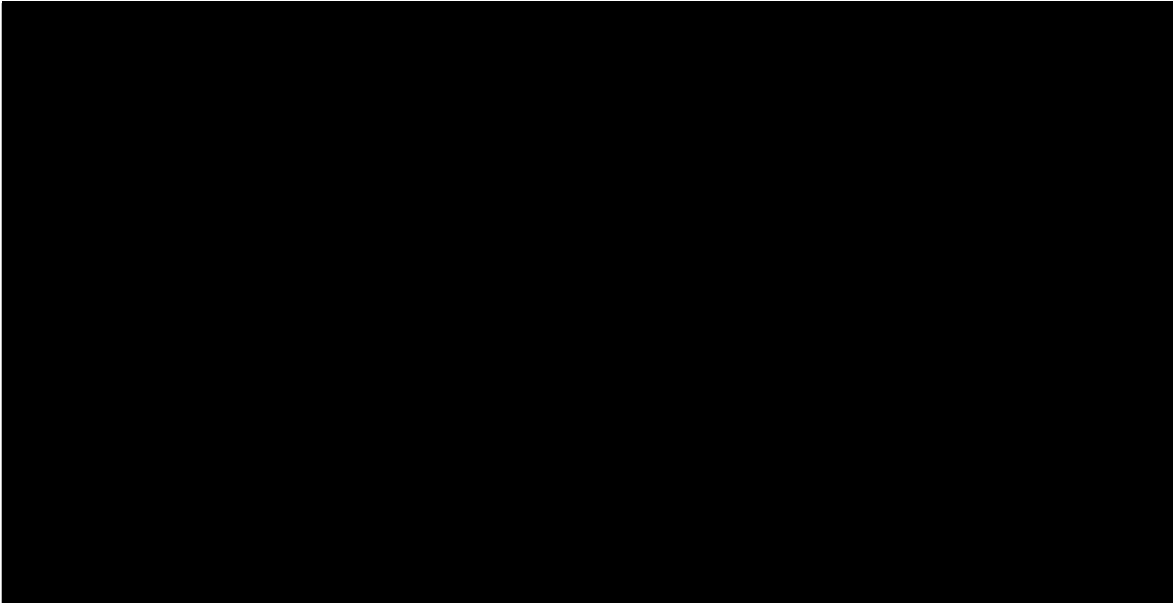
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From: [REDACTED]
To: jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; hepc@strosbergco.com
Cc: info@savonitto.com; Kathryn Podrebarac
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 23:52:30

Dear Joint Committee members,

I am sorry I was not able to attend either of the consultation sessions listed and presented in your latest communication stating "The Joint Committee wants to Hear From You".

I am a [REDACTED] year male hemophiliac that contracted both Hepatitis B & C as an infant, through multiple blood and blood product transfusions. In the prime of my youth I was diagnosed with Chronic liver disease in for the form of Chronic active hepatitis C & B. At that point I started understanding why I was chronically ill most of my life, suffering from one chronic infection after another, which of course was treated by 100's of anti-biotic prescriptions over the course of my life. Our family doctor was just trying to help not knowing that the under lying (Non A Non B hepatitis) chronic viral infection was cytotoxic PMC2647842, (HCV Induces Oxidative and ER Stress and Sensitizes Infected Cells to Apoptosis in SCID/Alb-uPA Mice..Tyrrell, Joyce and Walters).

Shortly after the above discovery we decided the best course of treatment option needed to be based on the advancement of disease, we agreed to a trans-jugular liver biopsy as a need point biopsy's are medically too risky for a severe Hemophiliac.

What happened next changed my course of life forever. The results came back confirming advanced cirrhosis. This was the start of a new normal course of life due to three back to back failed interferon treatments. These treatments added challenge after challenge to my new family's life, however the worst was yet to come when I ended up having to stop interferon treatment due to a bacterial infection caused by long term interferon exposure, which suppressed my immune system. This infection was treated with long term continuous Cipro prescriptions, which inturn shut my liver down, after 10 days in the hospital I was told I may need a liver transplant was sent to the U of A, to be evaluated by a transplant team. At this point I had lost over 45 lbs of muscle, which was accompanied by a very poor/sickly quality of life. The next 18 months were filled with one doctor's appointment after another. All the records are on my file with the Hepatitis Claims center. Yes, I have been compensated for some of my losses, however there are a few items that the settlement agreement does NOT take into consideration.

I hope the lower items will help define the weaknesses of the current settlement agreement.

The fact that my wife had to give up her RN nursing licence is NOT covered in the settlement agreement. At this point in our lives it was impossible for me to contribute on the home front. This acute hepatic flare and breakthrough lasted for the first 4-5 years of my children's lives. My state of health made it impossible for her to care for me and our new born children, plus maintain a regular RN's shift work based rotation. As you are well aware RN's need to work a minimum of 300 hrs per year to keep their registration. This was physically impossible as [REDACTED] parents lived in [REDACTED] and

my family was dealing with helping my father manage a chronic illness of his own, as he had fast advancing COPD.

The next reality was the sale of our very profitable business, although I was very fortunate to be surrounded and supported by great staff, the stress of them dealing with a boss that was chronically ill burned them out. This developed over an 8 year period, as my primary focus was regaining my health through Research and Development of natural based anti-fibrotic treatments. which made it impossible to contribute at the office on a regular basis. I have been able to work with a medical advisory team made up of Liver experts from across the world, and have been awarded two Canadian research grants the first one was a \$50,000.00 Innovations Voucher and the second most recent was a \$50,000.00 IRAP grant, as you know \$100,000 doesn't go far in the R&D world. The total research bill ended up being over 1 million dollars, however I was able to use this research to regain a portion of my health over the past 8 years.

The other provision NOT covered by the current settlement agreement is the down time caused by Harvoni treatment or the POST treatment side effects caused by HARVONI. Of course Gilead has marketed Harvoni as the miracle drug of the century. Again the Hepatitis C Claims center did cover the cost of treatment, but nothing for the suffering caused by treatment, because it's not covered in the settlement agreement. However there is an very real, very scary dark side to Harvoni. As of last month I am now cured of HCV but sicker then I have been in years due to something called NO SPECIFIC fatigue!!! This is NOT good, nor is what I signed up for... Harvoni can also change many functions in the human body, and not all the facts are yet known, but here is one of the most concerning "When Altering the Nucleotide in the DNA chain with an HCV nucleotide analog NS5B polymerase inhibitor (Sovaldi) some alterations can occur in the brain and DNA, which potentially could change many things". I haven't felt right or normal since starting and finishing the Harvoni treatment.

My doctors have been closely monitoring my current situation and have advised the Claims center of my personal situation, we have also been in contact with Gilead sciences. At first I was told that it would take a while for my body to recover from the mitochondrial toxicity caused by the Harvoni treatment. This is just one of the challenges of a DAA (direct acting anti-viral). Unfortunately I am now 9 months post treatment and some days are far worse than when I suffered with Chronic HCV. We are now in contact with post HARVONI patients from all over the world, and their medical history is very concerning as more and more people are reporting very serious lasting side effects at 12 months post treatment! As you can imagine my family and I are beyond concerned, suffering with chronic HCV is one thing, but facing a side effect from a drug that no one knows what the ending will look like is something I didn't sign up for...I truly understand the Harvoni side effects were NOT caused directly by the Hepatitis Claims center, but it is one more item NOT covered in the settlement agreement.

Dr. [REDACTED] and I will continue to push Gilead for answers and collect evidence from patients all over the world.

Here I go again just when I thought my life was about to return to normal after all these years of sickness.

Of course I am available to meet with either of you to advance further discussion.

Again I am sorry I missed the presented optional meeting dates as I think it would have been extremely beneficial for all of us.



From: [REDACTED]
To: Kathryn.Podrebarac
Subject: HEP C 1986-1990 AGREEMENT
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:20:30
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[REDACTED].pdf

BY EMAIL: kp@toughcounsel.com
December 15, 2015

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Suite 701, 151 Bloor St. West
Toronto, ON M5S 1S4

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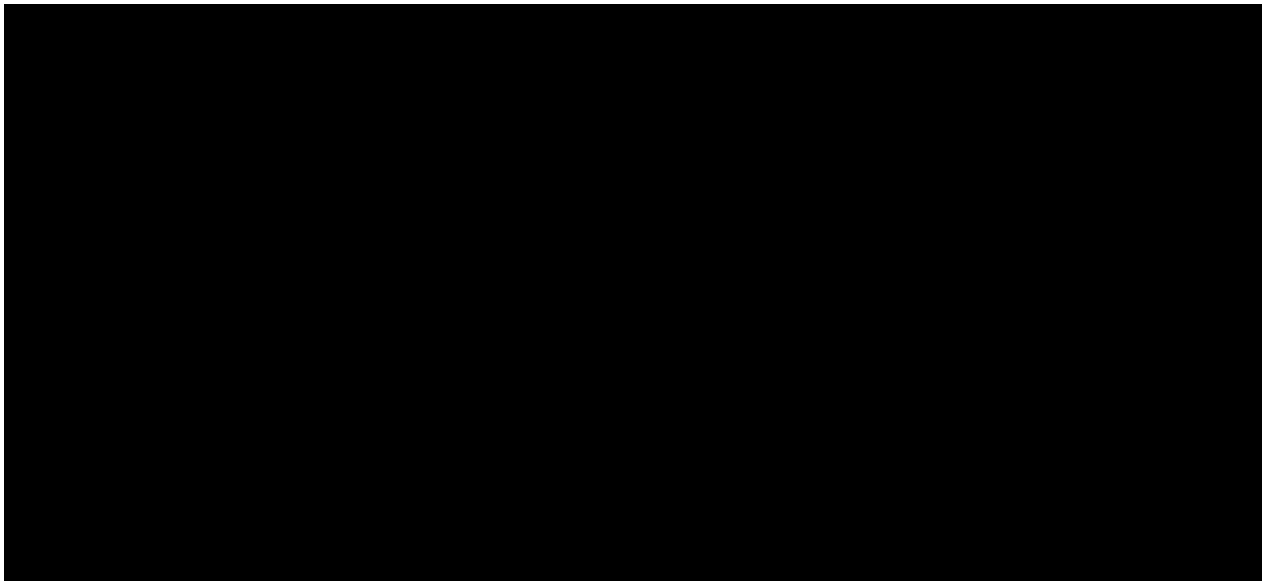
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Person Infected:



Cause:

- Hepatitis C

Object:

- This letter is in regards to receiving Hepatitis C through a blood transfusion and the inability of have a full and balanced life.

Injustice:

In regards to my children at the time I was diagnosed, they didn't really have a mother involved in their every day activities. My two older daughters had to take on the responsibilities of cooking and cleaning and looking after their little sister who was only one year old at the time. They were dealing with a lot of emotional stress as well. Watching their mother not being able to be involved in their everyday lives like before. They themselves were only nine and ten years old. It was a lot of responsibility on such young girls. It was not easy for them to watch their mother in such a bad state.

We could not afford to put them in, out of school activities, due to the lack of funds because their mother could no longer work.

It was very hard on them emotionally. My children felt neglected. I was not the mom I could of been.

Injustice:

In regards to my husband. He was under a lot of emotional stress. He was basically raising our three daughters by himself. Trying to keep the house in order with the everyday tasks and taking me to my doctor appointments had its toll. I could not be the wife he had married due to the tiredness and the constant aching of my body.

He had to take time off work so that I could keep my appointments. It was not easy on him This was even before I found out what my diagnoses was. Both my husband and myself misses time off work.

I could not be the sexual partner to him like I was before all this happened. Not easy on any man. When my husband would lose his job because of plant closures, it was really hard on the family. We never got compensated for loss time off work for him or myself.

Injustice:

My youngest daughter [REDACTED] was born after my transfusion but before I was diagnosed. She also has health problems. She has a blood disorder, has breathing problems and was having mild seizures. We're still not sure if this is due to my Hepatitis C. I was not a very good hands on mom for her growing up. She missed out on a lot of things in her young life.

Injustice:

My grandchildren didn't and don't get to have an energetic grandmother. My grandkids mean the world to me. I hope to see them grow up.

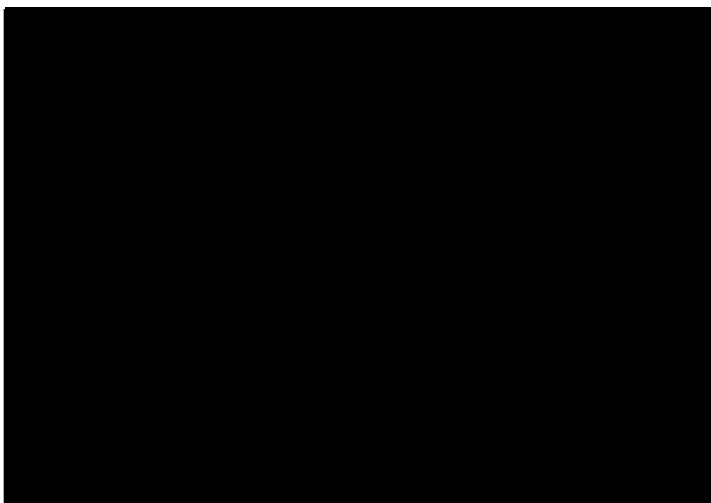
Injustice:

As for myself, the injustice never stops. It took a long time for some justice to even happen. As well as being diagnosed with Hepatitis C, I have also been diagnosed with Lupus, Fibromyalgia, Irritable Bowel, Osteoporosis and migraine headaches.

I don't smoke, I never took drugs and rarely drank alcohol. I was living a good clean life. My body aches so much that it hurts when people try to give me a hug. The stress in my life is overwhelming. I'm trying to keep a job to help out with all our bills. I have been trying to be a good wife, mom, and grandmother to my husband, daughters and grandchildren. Thank god my husband is understanding. It has not been easy on him at all. I am trying to deal with all my ailments and hold down my job. The medication is overwhelming as well. It would be so much easier on my body if I could get a disability pension. Because I don't have any money left from the Hepatitis C Foundation, except for the reimbursements for my medications. But even that I have to pay in advance.

So as I get older I am hoping that life gets a little easier. I am wanting to spend time with my grandchildren seeing I missed out on a lot with my own children growing up and some quality time with my husband as we get closer to retirement.

I wish to thank you for your time and attention during the deliberations.



Fax

To: Kathryn PodreBARAC From: [REDACTED]

Fax: (416)-348-7505 Pages: 2 including coversheet

[REDACTED] Date: Dec. 18/15

Re: Hep C-CLASS Action LAWSuit - Joint Committee member

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DEAR KATHRYN PodreBARAC:

I am sending this letter (with updated addresses of family members) to be included in the decision of the remaining funds for the Hep. C - CLASS Action LAWSuit. (which my family is part of.)

This is on behalf of my late brother [REDACTED] who succumbed to Hep. C. through tainted Blood between the period of 1986-1990. Here ARE OUR wishes.

* Please note: No immediate family members received the letter of notification on the decision as to what to do with remaining funds.

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>>> [REDACTED] 12/17/2015 2:24 PM >>>

To; the Administrator of the Hep. C Settlement Agreement (1986 to 1990)

Dear Sir/Madam;

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing you on behalf of my late brother [REDACTED] estate and the remaining of his family.)

[REDACTED] had received tainted blood between the years of 1996-1990 and subsequently died of Hepatitis C through tainted blood. (Which we discovered after trace back of packed cells given between this time.) We as family members of the class action lawsuit are still suffering from the overwhelming loss of our brother, uncle, son that was taken from us.

Our mother and father suffered years of pain with the loss of this child, as well as the remaining family left behind. Our mother has since passed, but would want us to continue the fight for justice on her and my late brothers behalf.

As a group our family has decided that the remaining funds should be allocated to the survivors and the remaining families left behind. Including the deceased. My brother paid the ultimate loss with his life. What price do you put on a life?? We will continue to mourn and suffer his loss for the rest of our lives.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hepatitis C settlement agreement
Date: Monday, December 28, 2015 16:55:04

I [REDACTED] believe that all the surplus in the hep C trust fund should be allocated in favour to class members and family class members.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; hepc@strosbergco.com; info@savonitto.com; Kathryn Podrebarac
Subject: 1986-1990 Hepatitis C settlement Agreement. (Phase 2 Sufficiency Schedule)
Date: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 15:36:34

To whom this may concern:

My name is [REDACTED]

I am writing on behalf of myself in relation to the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C settlement Agreement. (Phase 2 Sufficiency Schedule)

While still dealing with lost of my mother, combined with the stresses of life. In my current situation financially is not a favorable position due to the excising economic slowdown because of the change of government. I am 58 years old and employment is very difficult here. In light all i just mention I would make an input on how what I think is fair for distribution of the funds. The monies paid out to families with numerous dependents did not meet the needs of theses families. Especially my family which is made up of a very large amount of dependents.

I strongly suggest that each family case should be looked at individually, base on the amount of dependents in that particular family. (e.g a family of 3 should not receive the same amount as a family of 10 persons.) The amount received by individuals of the larger family should be the same as smaller families and this I think is reasonably fair.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information you would like.

[REDACTED]

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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To Kathryn Podubarae
Request Dec 10th 2015

Dear Kathryn
I was very pleased to hear from the joint Committee, re the ongoing administration of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C class action settlement for the class members and the dependants.

Please accept this letter for the ongoing process, that is being reviewed every three years. As you have found that there is a surplus, I wish to make my submission as requested.

I had received a letter of cancellation on or about March, 2012, with the reasoning being that my wife had reached her life expectancy date. As of my letter dated Jan: 20th 2011 to the Hepatitis C class action settlement to Mr. David Roberts, and to Mr. Justice Winkler in Toronto. and in my letter of that date, I had stated that I would provide the information required under Section 3.05.

Kathryn, no one can know how long a person can live, I am [redacted] years old. [redacted] mother lived a long life, her sister [redacted] passed away at [redacted] years of age.

re [REDACTED]

Kathryn

As you may well have all the documentation I have provided over the years, I expect that I do not have to forward any new documents, such as a new Sen 12 Renewal Form, or doctor's Reports, age requirement forms etc.

As I recall my claim for the loss of services in the home is required. I am [REDACTED] years old, my homemaker has left in March or April 2012 as I could no longer pay her for services in the home, I had used all the money received to pay for these services, till Mar 2012.

This is why my claim that was approved provided me with a stable life till that time.

Therefore I am thankful that the process for my claim will be considered in your future deliberations.

Thanking you
[REDACTED]



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Dear Ms Podrebarac:

I am writing to express my recommendations for the surplus funding
Which the 1986-1990 Hepatitis settlement trust fund now holds.

It is my opinion that some of the funding be allocated to those class
Members who are currently ill with the Hepatitis C disease for
Assistance with the costs and stress associated with the illness.

Additionally, I believe that portion of the funding be divided among
Individuals whether cured or not, who are and were affected by the
Disease, including all of its emotional, financial, and mental stress, as
Well as the physical symptoms of the illness. These individuals have
Been dealt an unjust hand through no cause of their own. The burden
Of the illness has negatively affected their quality of life, and caused worry
And strain on their family. Receiving a portion of the excess funding would
Be a small gesture of recognition and atonement for the life altering
Diagnosis me fellow Members and I have faced.



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To The Joint Committee

I feel that the Family of [REDACTED] and her sisters should be offered the surplus to them.

[REDACTED] passed away in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] after her open heart surgery. from the Tainted Blood she was given.

[REDACTED] has been very sadly missed by her Daughter & her Grand children,

Also by her sisters. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The Joint Committee
January 7, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in response to the letter I received in regards to the surplus of funds. You have asked for my opinion on what should be done with this surplus.

Here are my thoughts and feelings on the matter.

I have lost 3 brothers from this terrible disease and it doesn't get any easier to deal with now that they are gone. I had to watch them fight, suffer and in the end pass from this. They were very proud men and didn't want to be a bother to anyone so we did what we could and what they would allow. Watching my brothers suffer the way they did was heart breaking, especially because they had no way to fight it. They were given tainted blood and had to suffer because of someone else's mistakes, and because of that I think the family's deserve to have this surplus of money. If they were still here the money should rightfully go to them but they are gone, so the money should go to their families.

I miss my brother's everyday and would do anything to have them back, but the government made that impossible. So in the honour of my 3 brothers, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], I'm asking that the money be given to the families because that is what they would have wanted.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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The joint committee
January 10 / 2016

To whom it may concern

In regards to the letter I received
I'm asking the money go to all
the families that watched loved
ones suffer from this terrible
disease. My brothers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sincerely [REDACTED]

ATTENTION
KATHRYN PODREARAC

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I TURNED [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] I WAS OPERATED ON IN JULY OF [REDACTED]
TO ~~FIX UP~~ ^{REPAIR} A BLEEDING UCLER, I GOT HEP C FROM A BLOOD DONATION THAT
I REC'D FROM A DONOR WHO I BELIEVE DIDN'T KNOW (SHE OR SHE). WAS ^{INFECTED} CARRYING
WITH HEP C, THE DONATION CAME FROM [REDACTED], MY [REDACTED]

FROM A VERY EARLY AGE (10) I WAS ALWAYS IN THE SELLING (RETAIL)
(BUSINESS), I SOLD PAPERS THEN I WORKED IN A BULK STATION WE SOLD SUPPLIES
FOR FARMERS. BULK SUPPLIES GAS, DIESEL, OIL, GREASE, TWINE, ^{FARM} MACHINE REPAIR ETC.

IN JULY OF [REDACTED] I TURNED [REDACTED] OFF I WENT TO [REDACTED] TO JOIN THE NAVY RESERVE.
FROM [REDACTED] OFF TO [REDACTED] FOR 2 MONTHS, THEN TO [REDACTED] 2 MOS. THEN [REDACTED] FOR 6 MOS
THEN BACK TO [REDACTED] FROM THERE TO [REDACTED] TO PICK UP A NEW SHIP [REDACTED]
I WAS AT SEA FOR ABOUT 15 MONTHS NEVER SICK A DAY.

WITH IN ABOUT 3 OR 4 DAYS AFTER THEY DROPPED THE BOMB ON [REDACTED]
WE WERE ON OUR WAY HOME. AS SOON AS I GOT HOME I WAS OUT TO
HELP FARMERS TARESH THE CROP. AFTER THRESHING I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL
IN MY HOME VILLAGE, FOR 3 MONTHS.

I THEN TOOK OVER MANAGING THE BULK STATION, STAYED THERE 15 YRS.
THEN TOOK OVER A ~~MASH~~ ^{FARM} MACHINERY CO-OP STATION WAS THERE 15 YRS
AFTER THAT I GOT MY REAL ESTATE LICENSE SOLD HOUSES FOR 10 YRS
IN MY RETIREMENT YRS ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS SELL FARM LAND,
AS I KNEW FARMERS IN SUCH A LARGE AREA,

I AM [REDACTED] NOW, SOON [REDACTED] HEALTHY GOING TO MAKE 100 OR MORE.
MY WIFE IS [REDACTED] SHE HAD A STROKE IN [REDACTED], HER MEMORY IS NOT
GOOD. WE WILL BE MOVING FROM OUR CONDO, TO A CARE HOME IN THE
SPRING. I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE ALL OF US A GOOD BIG CHEQUE
SO WE ENJOY THE REST OF TIME WE HAVE LEFT.

PLEASE EXUSE THE SPELLING)

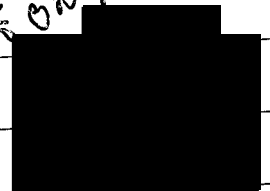
(THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK)

[REDACTED]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

NO ONE KNOWS, HOW MUCH WE
HAVE SUFFERED ALL THESE YRS
I HAVEND HAD A DRINK OF
RUM IN 25 YRS.

THINK ABOUT IT.
ITS HARD TO PUT A DOLLAR
VALUE ON IT



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The Joint Committee
January 12 / 2016.

To whom it may concern

I'm writing in response to the
letter I received regarding my
brothers [REDACTED]

In my ~~own~~ opinion the families
should be given the money.

All of these families had to sit
back and watch their loved ones
get sicker & sicker and not be
able to do anything

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

We also had a young son
who passed away from this
terrible disease but thankfully
he took the settlement and enjoyed
the money while he was alive.
He was our only child.

January 15th, 2016

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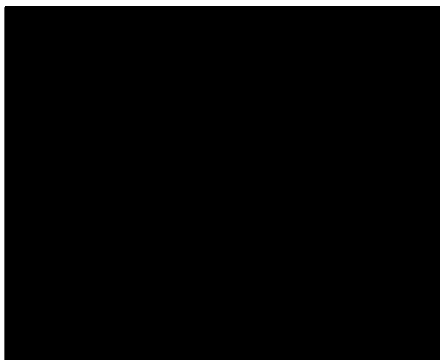
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Re: The Joint Committee/Surplus

Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

My husband [REDACTED] lost his struggle with Hepatitis C in [REDACTED]. From the time he contracted this disease from contaminated blood, to the time of his death, my husband's condition proved to be a considerable hardship for my family. This was due to the frequent Transient Ischemic Attacks that he suffered for years until his demise. When the TIA's began in earnest, I was working as a Court Deputy to the Judges at the Superior Court of Justice on University Ave. On many occasions after being sequestered with a jury, I would return home in the morning to find a message on my phone from my husband asking me to come over as soon as I got home as he needed help with his medications. He would become confused about the dosages and required organization with the meds. He always consulted me on these matters as I had worked for a medical doctor for twenty years. [REDACTED] quality of life was greatly diminished due to his disease. His life was only extended due to my children's devoted efforts to assist their father in his every day needs. We all did our part, to make his life more comfortable and it was this driving force that allowed him to live as long as he did. However, the TIA's proved to be insurmountable, causing him to fall and injure himself sometimes as many as three times a day. He would show up at our family gatherings bruised and with multiple lacerations from these falls; it was difficult for the family to see this. The Red Cross failed to practice due diligence in its testing of the blood supply, and for that our family was forever changed.

I believe my husband would want the surplus money divided up amongst the Class Members and the Family Class Members as compensation for the hefty loss and the pain and suffering caused by undue negligence.



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Re: The Joint Committee/Surplus

Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am [REDACTED] son. My father passed away on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Hepatitis C complications. I live in [REDACTED] and over the years, I had several calls from my mother and sisters about their growing concerns about my father's health. I had many calls about how my dad was having seizures, falling, and having to use an assistive device for mobility. If you knew him, you would know that this would have had a devastating effect on his emotional state. He was always quite proud of himself for being confident and independent. He prided himself on looking and acting young; pushing himself every day at the gym and dressing his best. He also had a great sense of humour that everyone loved and he certainly made the world a better place. When I came home for a visit in January [REDACTED], I saw a completely different man than I remembered; he had grown thinner, used a cane and didn't laugh as much. It was obvious his life had completely changed for the worst and it was terrible for our family to watch this tragedy unfold. My dad didn't ask for this to happen to him, it was pure negligence on the part of The Red Cross and they should be held accountable; I believe my father would want the surplus to be divided up amongst the Class Members and the Family Class Members as the 6700.00 dollars we received, felt like a slap in the face. We have lost the love and guidance from a man who should still be with us. Nothing will bring my father back, but if there is an existing surplus of funds, it belongs to the infected individuals and their families for all their pain and suffering.

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Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I am the youngest daughter of [REDACTED]. My dad passed away on [REDACTED] from atherosclerosis, which is a Hepatitis C related illness. I was closest to my dad in proximity and therefore did a lot for and with my dad. We were active members of the YMCA; I took my father shopping, to appointments and ran errands for him. I did notice over time that he wasn't the same, he had episodes where he would become dizzy and he would have to stop what he was doing to sit down. I became very alarmed when this happened while we were out shopping; I would have to take him home right away. After a while, he had to quit the YMCA, he began to have seizures, walk with a cane /walker and I started to do a lot more for him. My father's mood changed drastically. He would get mad and depressed because he didn't know what was happening to him. It was very sad to watch my father go from a happy, active man, to a man that could hardly stand upright and whose love for life was taken from him.

I did receive some compensation in the amount of \$6700.00, some of which I used to help pay for the funeral. As for the surplus, I feel the money should go to the Class Members and the Family Class Members. I love my father very much and miss him terribly. He was giving, generous, self sacrificing and kind. I know he would want his family to share in the surplus because that is exactly the type of man he was. I hope and pray the right decision is made with regards to this matter.



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Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

On [REDACTED], I lost my grandfather to Hepatitis C complications. I am the eldest grandchild and was very close to my gramps and I loved him very much. He was there for me when I had my daughter, [REDACTED]. He used to babysit her on the days she was ill or if I had to go out. It was awful to see my grandfather fall apart as I only really knew him to be vibrant and full of life. It was devastating to watch him go from [REDACTED] to using a cane and then a walker. Although he tried to put on a brave face, we all knew he was suffering.

I think my grandfather would want the surplus money divided up amongst the Class Members and the Family Class Members because he simply loved to make us happy. I know he would be thrilled if he thought he could still do something for us.



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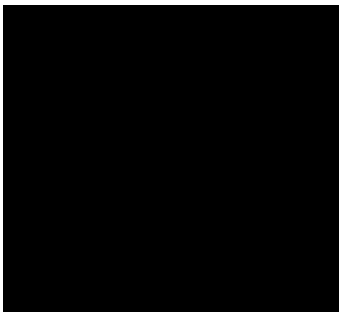
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Dear Ms. Podrebarac,

Hi, my name is [REDACTED] and my grandfather [REDACTED] passed away on [REDACTED]. I loved my grandfather because as a kid, he did so much for me. When my mother and father split up, he was a dominate father figure in my life. He took me to hockey games, basketball and we spent many hours on the ice rink at the [REDACTED]. He helped me purchase my first car and told me how to take care of it. He also got me my first job at the [REDACTED]. My grandfather was my rock; I could always count on him for phone calls and support. He was a great man that always hugged and kissed me each time he saw me; it didn't matter that I was a grown man myself. It was shocking to see him go downhill physically and mentally. It was tough to see a man larger than life, become withdrawn, frail and weak. Even though he's gone, he'll never be forgotten as he has helped shape the person I have become.

I know my grandfather would want the surplus money divided up amongst the Class Members and the Family Class Members because it's fair and just. We have all suffered along with the ones that have been compromised or who have lost their lives. My grandfather would believe we are all deserving of this extra money.



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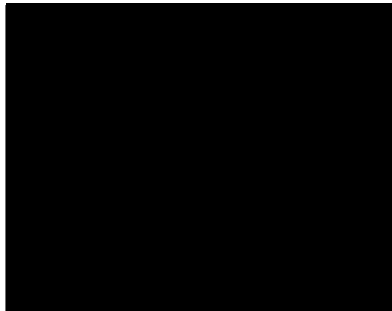
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My grandfather would want the surplus money to go to the victims and families. My grandfather gave when he could and this is no different. He would want the money to go to his family so they could have better lives.



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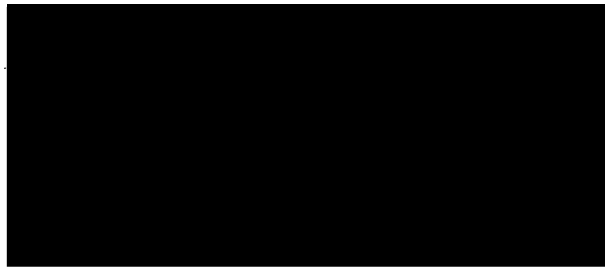
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To whom it may concern.
I received a letter in the mail
concerning my brother [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in regards
to the surplus of funds.
I'm hoping any money be given
to all family members.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

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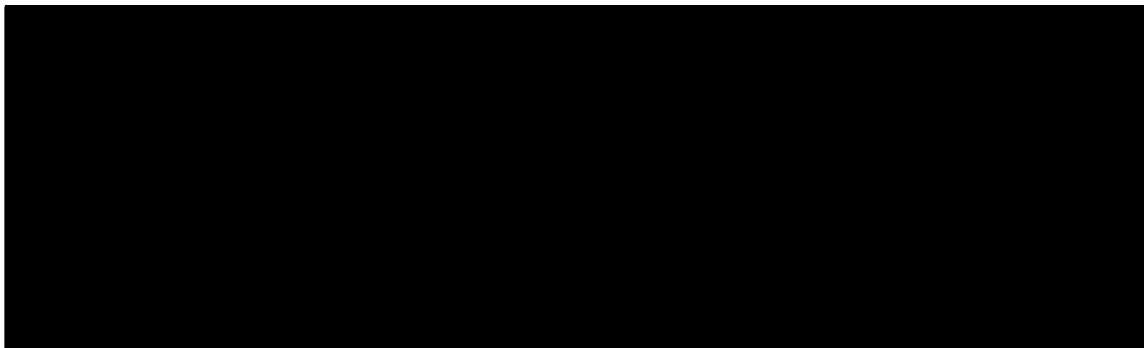
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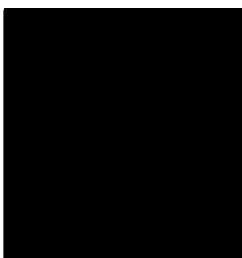
Re: HepC 8690 Surplus

I am the son of [REDACTED] a person who was infected through transfusion and is now deceased and [REDACTED] is my daughter. As a Family Class Claimant, I would hereby like to go on record and state that it is my opinion that the surplus should be distributed among claimants, dependants and family members.

The compensation previously disbursed does not adequately compensate for the loss of one's grandmother. The Actuaries of the Joint Committee and Federal Government have found the fund is sufficient to meet the needs of Class Members and Family Class Members and that there is a surplus and it is only fair that any such excess/surplus be paid to the Claimants.



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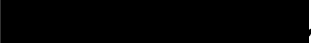
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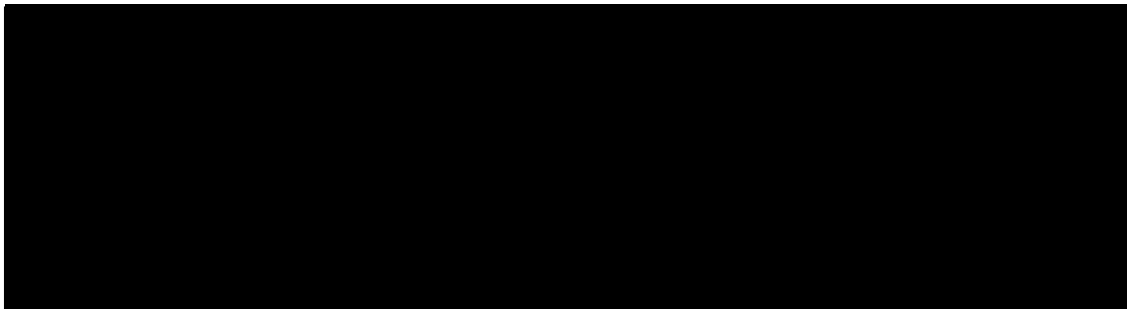
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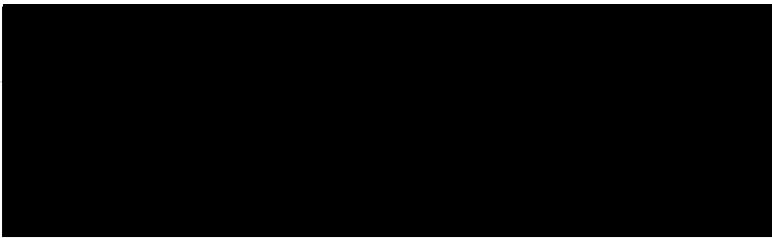
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The compensation previously disbursed does not adequately compensate for the loss of one's mother. The Actuaries of the Joint Committee and Federal Government have found the fund is sufficient to meet the needs of Class Members and Family Class Members and that there is a surplus and it is only fair that any such excess/surplus be paid to the Claimants.



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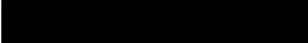
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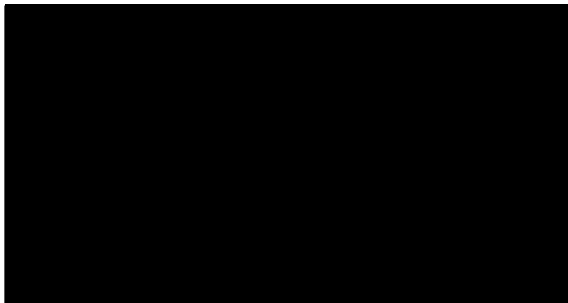
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I am the daughter of  and one of the Trustees of her estate, she was infected through transfusion in 1989 and is now deceased.

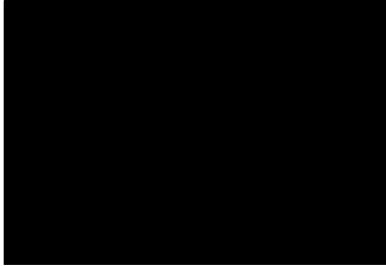
As trustee of her estate, I would hereby like to go on record and state that it is my opinion that the surplus should be distributed among claimants, dependants and family members.

The compensation previously disbursed does not adequately compensate for the loss of one's mother, grandmother or sibling, especially when the deceased was the mother of thirteen children.

The Actuaries of the Joint Committee and Federal Government have found the fund is sufficient to meet the needs of Class Members and Family Class Members and that there is a surplus and it is only fair that any such excess/surplus be paid to the Claimants.



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hep C Settlement
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 21:47:55

Joint Committee members,

Re: Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement Trust Fund
Family Class Member Action

My [REDACTED] brothers [REDACTED] were both affected by the tainted blood fiasco and had Hep C. They suffered immensely as did my parents, my siblings and myself. Watching them try to deal with the health issues, their medication regime and the toll it took on their relationships was very difficult. It was very depressing. My parents were profoundly heartbroken when the boys succumbed to the disease of Hep C and HIV/AIDS. My father's heart condition worsened and my mother developed depression. They tried to maintain a normal life but I believe the sadness of watching their sons lives slip away contributed to my father's heart failure and my mother's onset of dementia. She just seemed to shut down, and my dad's heart gave out and he died also. I have been grieving the loss of my brothers, they were both so funny, friendly and talented and brought so much joy to our lives. Living without them has definitely been hard. When my own children were young they spent hours with their uncles, then grieved their loss too. What a shame [REDACTED] had to experience such effects from a blood product that used to help them treat their haemophilia, then ultimately was a death trap. A slow, painful humiliating disease ravaged their bodies.

I have experience such grief over their passing that I have needed medication and counselling therapy myself over the years that have followed. Hep C is a cruel disease. HIV/AIDS is a cruel disease. And they both came from blood products that were allowed into the system.

I believe it would be right, justified and proper to receive, and I would welcome any funds from the Trust as compensation for their tragedy and my pain and suffering in their memory as well.

I hope for a fair distribution of the settlement from the Joint Committee and the Trust Fund to all the victims and families of this extraordinary health matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Cc: [Fred V. VanderVelde](#)
Subject: update
Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016 22:33:20

Hi Kathryn,

I have just reviewed the material posted on the hepc8690 web site as to the discussion surrounding the surplus.

With disgust I read that our government is trying to prevent the claimants from accessing more of the funds. I believe the JC did a great job in providing a framework of a better, updated compensation model, one that reflects the reality of the situation more clearly than was possible in the 1990's.

While the motion does not meet all of our concerns, it goes a long way to addressing some of the shortfalls that have become evident over the years. I am in agreement with most, if not all of the recommendations.

A lot of the submissions by the claimants show how lost most of them are in the process. I feel a good number of them were able to articulate their experiences quite well, a lot of them are in need of focus as to how devastating it was for them or their family member in unwittingly receiving the Hep C virus through no fault of their own. How sad some of the stories were! They are in need of a spokesperson more than ever.

If there is anything we as claimants can do at this time, could you please give us some direction? Perhaps contact our MP? Write another letter? I don't read a lot about this in the papers?

Some points I wish to raise:

- original plan was to conservative because the numbers were not known, people were very worried that even what was made available would not be enough.
- looking at the compensation schedule through the lens of what other settlements are, you have to say the amounts are insultingly low.
- the plan was hammered out so that there would be no acknowledgement of negligence on anyone's part. We all know that to be a crock. Just read Andre Picards book, "The Gift of Death". It chronicles the journey how the AIDS and Hep C virus got into our blood supply.
- If any of the monies go back to the government, perhaps a lawsuit should be launched to get those responsible for this travesty to face the claimants in a court of law. Maybe threaten the government with that!! Maybe some of the names involved need to be publicized and face scrutiny.

The last point our family wishes to make is this, the compensation received **NEVER EVEN CAME CLOSE** to properly recognizing the pain in people and their families that had a member infected with Hep C. It was and is an insult.

Please keep up the pressure on the government to agree with the JC's recommendation. Let us know what we can do from our side. And how can we stay abreast of any new developments?
Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Response to Joint Committee
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016 19:53:06

Good Evening,

In response to your request for input regarding the Joint Committee Application to the courts, I feel that all of the surplus monies should be allocated to all of the Class Members and Family Members. I would also like to add that in respect for all of those who have lost family members, I feel that the compensation should be allocated to all Class members while we are living. I only ask this because I live with the worry everyday that my Hepatitis C can and will return and I feel that the funds will be beneficial for treatment.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Joint Committee Input
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 14:35:02
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Kathryn,

Please accept the attached letter as my written submission to the Joint Committee that is reviewing the financial status of the Trust Fund. To date, I have been very private about my diagnosis of Hepatitis C but I feel strongly that I contribute input to this process. This is an opportunity for the Government of Canada to do the right thing and make sure that: all infected individuals have access to new and successful treatments; people experiencing financial hardship in their daily lives are assisted; and that people who have had to endure emotional and mental suffering are compensated.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. I would appreciate my response being kept as private as possible although I would like it to be shared with the rest of the Committee.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to provide input.

[REDACTED]

2016.03.01

Letter to the Joint Committee.

Please indulge me with hearing some of my "story". [REDACTED] years ago, I was infected with Hepatitis C during a blood transfusion during the delivery of my second child. Fortunately, I have not developed cirrhosis of the liver like so many of the other people infected during the 86-90 time frame. However, the discovery in [REDACTED] that I was infected by this disease resulted in much emotional "pain and suffering" for my family and me. The irresponsible actions of The Red Cross and the federal government in failing to keep our blood supply safe is inexcusable and through the Class Action Suit the government has an obligation to ensure adequate compensation is available to all individuals affected.

The following is a brief list of the various aspects of my life that have been affected:

1. Throughout the last [REDACTED] years I have had to endure numerous doctor appointments, referrals to specials, and undergo countless tests (blood, biopsy, scans, etc.). The constant worry and stress waiting for results and dealing with fluctuations in results is excruciating and has had an enormous impact on my emotional state.
2. I have aging parents who have endured much stress and worry about my health situation.
3. Even though I have tried to keep much of my health issues to myself and not make them the focus of our family life, my daughter (who was born at the time of the transfusion) has developed a generalized anxiety disorder and undergoes ongoing counseling. She somehow feels a sense of responsibility for me contracting the disease. Obviously, I have tried to dissuade her of this opinion or guilt. I have another daughter who also experienced health related anxiety that may or may not have arisen from my situation.
4. My husband has been wonderful in supporting me emotionally throughout this entire journey. He definitely has played a big role in digging me out the deepest, darkest holes of despair at times and I am grateful everyday for his love and support. However, I would be lying if I did not acknowledge that this has been a challenge to our relationship. The "fun loving, carefree" wife he married [REDACTED] years ago is now serious and often plagued with fear, worry, obsession and anxiety.
5. I have experienced additional emotional hardship as for [REDACTED] years I was not eligible for treatment. I was not "sick enough" and the treatments available were not thought to be successful enough to warrant putting me through them. Thankfully my liver has not deteriorated in spite of raised enzymes levels, etc. Last year when a new treatment (Sof/Sim) was available for my Genotype (1b) Treatment Naive and No Fibrosis, I was not approved by health plans. I approached the administrators of this fund to help and was denied. Had I chosen

to undertake this treatment it would have been a great financial hardship if I had tried to pay for it myself. My specialist encouraged me to wait another year, as she was sure a better cure would be available. That is what I did. In February, [REDACTED], I was fortunate to be approved for the Harvoni treatment by both my primary and secondary insurers. Finally, there was an opportunity for a cure with minimal known side effects. I started a 12 week treatment regime [REDACTED]. The viral load is no longer detected; a cure for me for which I am extremely grateful!

During the post treatment phase, an inexcusable turn of events occurred. My primary insurer reneged on paying the pharmacy for the medication dispensed. The insurer refused to pay over \$20 000 stating that the health plan I subscribed to had changed (during treatment phase) and that they would pay no more than \$20000 per year for all health benefits. No notice was given to me and as the treatment had been started it couldn't be interrupted. I felt this was extremely unethical and needed them to cover the cost as promised. Treatment cost was approximately \$80 000. Fortunately, my husband's "secondary" benefit plan agreed to pay the balance of \$60 000. As a small business owner, I am sure the premiums to his company will increase as a result. I am grateful they honored their "approval" commitment. This was an extremely stressful time.

I want this Committee to understand that, there are not just terrible physical consequences to this disease; there are extreme emotional/mental hardships that individuals have had to endure. For me, these hardships are as a result of a "tainted" blood transfusion given to me during childbirth not because I engaged in some kind of "risky" behaviour such as drug use, etc.

My priority for the remaining funds is:

1. Ensure every person in Canada infected between "86-90" has the financial resources to access new and better treatments. Please make sure all people have access to treatment regardless of their liver function. Better cure rates are cited for those treated earlier in disease progression!
2. Provide financial support to ease the burden for those living with debilitating health and unable to work.
3. Give individuals and their families, who haven't successfully claimed in the past, compensation for "pain and suffering" irrespective of their liver functioning.

Thank you for inviting my input.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the meetings.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: jjcamp@cfmlawyers.ca; hepc@strosbergco.com; info@savonitto.com; [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hep C Joint Committee Letter - Ouellette Family
Date: Sunday, March 6, 2016 14:07:20
Attachments: [REDACTED]

See attached letter from family of [REDACTED]. Thank you for the opportunity. Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: March 6, 2016 at 1:59:13 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hep C Joint Committee Letter - [REDACTED]

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March 6, 2016

To: Joint Committee – 1986-1900 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

RE: Fund surplus feedback – [REDACTED]

Dear Committee members,

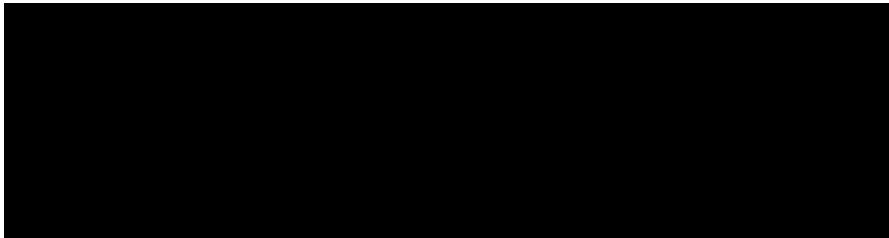
Thank you for the opportunity for me to share my family's thoughts regarding the fund surplus as outlined in the communication received by you last fall. My name is [REDACTED], son of the now deceased [REDACTED], who passed away over [REDACTED] years ago in [REDACTED], Ontario. I am writing on behalf of his survivors, including my mother [REDACTED], sister [REDACTED] and grandchildren, [REDACTED].

First off, I would like to express our gratitude for the years of compensation that my mother and father received; while it could never replace the many lost years that Dad spent ill and Mom, taking care of him, the financial assistance certainly helped alleviate some of the burden and stress. Dad for most of his last 15 years or so, was unable to contribute to the household, eventually requiring full time care in an institution in which he eventually died. His last years at home were quite difficult as he struggled with many health issues not to mention severe dementia. I was lucky enough at the time, to be self-employed and able to travel from Vancouver monthly on my own dime to help Mom when Dad was still at home and difficult to manage. His dementia was especially worrisome since he became violent and I feared, a danger to my Mom; a big motivation for my constant cross-country travel. But we were eventually, after lots of advocacy, successful in getting him in a facility close by and allowed Mom to be safe yet close to visit him and assist at the home on a daily basis. She never drove and had to pay for transportation and services in the home for many years..

What we would like to see happen with the surplus, is to continue and increase the annual payments for loss of services for the remainder of my mother's life, as these are due to end eventually. We also find it disconcerting that the lump sum payment given to the surviving children and especially grandchildren was so low – while no amount of money will ever make up for the years lost with our father and grandfather (and the pain of not being recognized etc), we believe that this should be re-examined moving forward. While I am sure that all stories are different, in my case, the constant travel back and forth practically every month from Vancouver, was certainly financially taxing. Nevertheless, I will never regret that decision or that time spent being there for my parents. I do regret that Dad spent the last 15 years of his life in terrible health and unable to travel to visit me and share in my life and live his life to the fullest. Finally, while we do not begrudge the payments that were made to my Dad's siblings; it was in our judgment, not just that they each received the same payout as my sister and I and way more than the pittance that the grandchildren received. The sad and frustrating thing is – Dad's brothers and sisters they were not really factors in my parent's lives despite living nearby and did not show much interest in spending time with him nor helping Mom and Dad. I don't assume to understand nor judge their motivation or lack thereof, but we feel that this was one of the injustices of the initial compensation package.

In closing, please accept my family's deepest thanks for all the assistance provided over the years, and this opportunity to provide you with our thoughts and feelings as you move forward in your work and eventual decision. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kindest regards,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kathryn Podrebarac](#)
Subject: Hep C-Claims and Settlements
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 3:17:20

Dear Sharon and all,

Hello, I saw you speak at the conference last August, 2015 in Vancouver,BC.

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the 1986-1990 Hep C Settlements. Has anything changed since that last meeting. Is the government moving forward to better compensate victims and their families, extended families, and siblings who have also been suffering as well.

My mother passed away on December [REDACTED] We fought as hard as we could when we found out that she had stage 4 terminal liver cancer. We had no more than 3 months left with her. This is the most devastating experience for my sisters and I.

Ottawa claim center have been working with us, however, I am still feeling there is more we can do to fight for the lost of my parents. Both parents were affected because of this. I am left feeling so robbed, my parents should have lived for another 20 years or so, but because of the tainted blood in the 80's, we are left with no parents. It's rather sickening to the stomach.

I wanted to gain more insight into what my options are. I feel as being the youngest daughter, 6,728.00 is unacceptable for all the heartache and pain I have suffered. I lost my job and no longer able to receive the same income at a similar organization. My future children, and my 2 nieces, and 2 nephews will not have grandparents around to see them graduate. It's quite saddening all around.


What are our options? T

The government is providing \$6,728.00 for each child, where is this allotted money coming from when there is a surplus of 236 to 256 million dollars for the existing claims of 8,665? How is each child only given \$6,728.00 for family member claims? If the government has this surplus, each family should be receiving much more for all the pain and suffering, and life long emotional and physical damage they have endured. If you take the surplus and divide the claims, it simply does not make sense.

Moving forward, it would be great to hear from a representative and more insight would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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Attention: Ms. Kathryn Podrebarac

Dear Madam;

Re: Surplus Funds of the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement

I am writing to offer my feedback on the suggested usage of the HepC Surplus Funds.

I am inclined to suggest that any surplus funds be shared equally amongst all fellow claimants.

Yours truly,



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