

# PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CANADA, draw the attention of the House to the following:**

THAT Bill C-225, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (injuring or causing the death of a preborn child while committing an offence)*, also known as “*Cassie and Molly’s Law*” and introduced in the House of Commons on February 23, 2016, would create a new Criminal Code offence: injuring or causing the death of a “preborn child” while committing a criminal offence against a pregnant woman;

THAT the proposed “*Cassie and Molly’s Law*” conflicts with the Criminal Code, because it grants a type of legal personhood to fetuses, which are non-persons under the law;

THAT giving any legal recognition to fetuses would necessarily compromise women’s established rights, and violate Supreme Court legal precedent that says a woman and her fetus are “physically one”;

THAT pregnant women being assaulted or killed is largely a domestic violence issue and “fetal homicide” laws elsewhere have done nothing to reduce domestic violence against pregnant women or their fetuses;

THAT the proposed bill has no exemptions for pregnant women or those helping them in good faith, while in the U.S., hundreds of arrests of pregnant women have occurred under state fetal homicide laws, including some that make exemptions for the pregnant woman;

THAT the proposed “*Cassie and Molly’s Law*” is supported mostly by the anti-abortion movement, which would use it as leverage to re-criminalize abortion or pass restrictions;

THAT the best way to protect fetuses is to provide pregnant women the supports and resources they need for a good pregnancy outcome, including protection from intimate partner violence.

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to oppose the passage of Bill C-225 (“*Cassie and Molly’s Law*”).

	<b>SIGNATURE (Do not print)</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PROVINCE</b>
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	_____
11	_____	_____	_____
12	_____	_____	_____
13	_____	_____	_____
14	_____	_____	_____
15	_____	_____	_____

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon the House of Commons  
to oppose the passage of Bill C-225 ("*Cassie and Molly's Law*").

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			