

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

Whereas:

- It is well established that the risk of violence against women increases when they are pregnant;
- Currently, a woman’s pregnancy is not an aggravating factor for sentencing purposes in the Criminal Code of Canada;
- Addressing this legal void through sentencing that considers the vulnerable state of the pregnant woman is necessary in denouncing such crimes;
- The majority of Canadians support access to abortion. Having appropriate sentences when violent crimes are committed against pregnant women is imperative to protecting her reproductive choice to have her child. The sentence should match the crime.

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, call upon the House of Commons to legislate the abuse of a pregnant woman and/or the infliction of harm on her child as aggravating circumstances for sentencing purposes in the Criminal Code.

**SIGNATURES (Canadian citizens or residents only)**

**(Please sign your name; do not print)**

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