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|  | ***Written Project: The Letter*** | |
|  | Work Solo not in pairs | |
| **Product** | Write a letter to your local MPP (Steve Clarke)  to address the on-going issue of wrongfully convicted people…specifically the Motherisk Case  You don’t have to actually send this letter, but it should be of a quality that would be acceptable for mailing.  Bonus 10% if you get a letter back from the constituency office | **Example:**    April 4, 2016  2605 Concession Road  Kemptville, ON,  K0G 1J0,  Canada  Steve Clarke  100 Strowger Boulevard,  Suite 101, Brockville, ON, K6V 5J9  Dear Mr. Brown,  I am writing you to express concern with the Motherisk program at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. The impact of this flawed program is of great concern to me. Families have been hurt by a testing and operations regime that fell “woefully short of internationally recognized forensic standards.” It is shocking that this happened in our province—and we have yet to see the depth of the damage done.  Recently the Toronto Star reported that as many as 300 kids are in a state of limbo waiting to either be adopted or returned to their families after being taken in part due to faulty testing at the Motherisk lab. Imagine what it must be like for all the parties involved: the parents that wrongfully lost a child, the children with lives in utter chaos, and the potential adoptive families with dreams crushed.  I have concerns in two areas. First, I am concerned that Justice Judith Beaman is in a conflict of interest regarding her past connections with Sick Kids hospital, the SCAN program and disgraced pathologist Dr. Charles Smith. Second, that the commission will take two years an unacceptable length of time in the lives of the families involved. **I encourage you, as a member of the opposition, to enthusiastically hold the government’s feet to the fire on this issue.**  Craig Beckett |
| **Content** | This letter is a way for you to voice your concern about miscarriages of Justice and systemic problems of the judicial systems.  One-page single spaced business letter format. Immaculate, no mistakes whatsoever. |
| **Include** | Essentially this is a letter of complaint.  Follow the rules of letter writing with regard to format and tone:  **Letters of Complaint**   * The purpose of the usual letter of complaint is to get better merchandise of service, or to receive an adjustment of some kind. In this case it is to bring to attention to the people in charge the problem of wrongful convictions. * You are more likely to get what you want if you are courteous in your letter. Nothing is gained by being sarcastic or insulting–that only makes the recipient want put up his fists and fight back. * Simply state your case...say what the trouble is and how you expect it to be corrected. Be specific and to the point, but be pleasant about it. * Put your ‘ask’ bold in the third paragraph |
| **Audience** | **Elected Officials**  Respectful tone asking an elected official to look into changing laws |
| **Tech** | Word processor |