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Dear Madame la mairesse Valérie Plante,

CC : Francois Legault, Marc Miller, Suzanne Fortier, Isabelle Beaulieu, Bruce Lennox, Gabrielle Collu, Caroline Bourgeois, Marc Grandisson

By now, you will probably have heard of the appalling experiments conducted on innocent victims in the 40s, 50s and 60s at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montréal. Those victims were our mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Our families were irrevocably traumatized by the crimes of a few unconscionable men whose work was supported and financed by McGill University and the Canadian and US governments. And, as you may also know by now, our families are involved in a long court battle for justice and compensation for the harms we have suffered.

While that all plays out in court, our eyes are drawn back to the physical site of those grisly crimes on Mount Royal. That some of the innocent victims of Dr. Cameron's cruel experiments—the ones that never made it out alive—were potentially buried there in unmarked graves keeps us up at night. We are horrified at the possibility that construction of the New Vic Project might proceed without a very thorough and exhaustive investigation of the area's subsoil for human skeletal remains. The report, « Site de l'ancien hôpital Royal Victoria » that emerged from a public consultation led by the Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal was very clear. The report recommended that “... **les sépultures potentielles... se trouvant sur le site de l'ancien Hôpital Royal Victoria soient traitées avec la déférence qui s'impose; [et] que cette démarche soit rendue publique.**” We are writing to you today to ask how the City of Montreal and its partners in the New Vic project intend to confirm the existence of those remains, and if they exist, what plan will you make to ensure they are treated with the deference and respect they require?

Even before the courts rule on the obligations of the Canadian and US governments towards victims of Dr. Cameron's experiments at the Allan Memorial Institute, it is clear from the OCPM's recommendations that McGill University and the City of Montreal have a moral and probably legal duty to conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the hospital grounds. Our families who have already suffered so much would be horrified if heavy equipment tears through that site and disturbs the remains of the victims who didn't survive those brutal and inhuman experiments of conducted at McGill University all those years ago.

We politely request, then, a meeting with your administration to explore how you plan to move forward with the OCPM's recommendations to investigate the site and dispose of the remains of victims of the Allan Memorial Institute experiments that may be found there. If a meeting is not possible, we politely request that you publicly disclose your plans to investigate the site of Allan Memorial Institute for the alleged human remains as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Lana Ponting, living survivor of the Montreal Experiments
Nancy Layton, living survivor of the Montreal Experiments
Julie Tanny, daughter of Charles Tanny
Lana Mills-Sowchuk, daughter of John Ivor Mills
Linda Mills-Boismenu, daughter of John Ivor Mills
Ann Julie McLean, AKA, Ann Diamond, child victim and daughter of Donald Alexander McLean
Marlene Levenson, niece of Phyllis Goldberg
Christopher Sowchuk, grandson of John Ivor Mills
Barbara Levy, daughter of Evelyn Michael-Issenman
Angela Bardosh, daughter of Nancy Layton
Kimberley Jardine, granddaughter of Anna Martha Coleman Jardine
Karen Jardine, granddaughter of Anna Martha Coleman Jardine
Laurie Goedhuis, daughter of Ruth Agnes Brault (nee Scott)
Patricia Edwards Roberge, daughter of Elizabeth Boyle Edwards
Carly Thomas, granddaughter of John Ivor Mills
Hans Dybka, son of Nini Dybka
Peter De Giorgio, nephew of Guido De Giorgio
Kristian Jonathon Gareau, nephew to Lana Ponting

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