

Hello,

I work daily as a mental health therapist with families of Indigenous women who have been 'disappeared' and who have received little to no support or justice. Their families are torn apart from the stress of lost women, of knowing the likelihood their mothers and sisters have been murdered, and from knowing that few people seem to care or will support bringing perpetrators to justice. I cannot help families heal PTSD and other mental illnesses when their communities are open game for predators. Please, please pass this bill. Families cannot heal without community support, and it is shameful and terrifying that so many Indigenous women and families are broken when we could prevent it, or at the very least, bring murderers to justice.

Thank you for your time,

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