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From: Vicki [<mailto:vixiestix2005@yahoo.ca>]
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To: Immigration Minister
Subject: Law amendments concerning the interlock system

Hi there,

I am sending you this letter in regards to my cousin, Scott Burchill, getting his licence back and the interlock system that he would be forced to install in a vehicle in order to regain his licence. I would not write this letter unless I was sincerely convinced of the change that Scott has made in his life, whether or not he is part of my family. I do understand that he has made mistakes in the past, really bad mistakes, when it came to his drinking and driving. Under no circumstances do I or would I condone such behaviour.

My thoughts are about the transformation that has taken place in his life over the past 5 years. As I write this, I can't help but get emotional thinking about how Scott used to live his life, addicted to alcohol and not caring for himself or considering how his actions affected the rest of the world. He tried to get sober, tried to make changes in his life and nothing seemed to work. He was a sad, depressed and hopeless man. Yet we all knew the great potential he had within him.

When he knew he was going to be a dad everything changed, and I do mean everything. The transformation that has taken place in his life has been nothing short of miraculous. I could talk about it forever because I am so proud of him and proud of who he is as a dad and a man. He has kept a steady job, he has not taken a drink and he has dedicated his life to making his and his daughter's life better. His sobriety is an inspiration to all around him.

I don't want to make this letter too long, but I just want to say this. Having his licence back will be amazing, but I fear all the restrictions that will be placed on him will cause such a financial strain it will not be feasible for him. I am asking that the amendments committee considers not placing such harsh and unrealistic restrictions on his driving. Scott and others like him deserve the chance to get their licenses back without the interlock system placed in their vehicles.

Surely people who have made such huge changes in their lives deserve another chance. The difference this will make in the life of Scott and Ella is unimaginable. He has already done so much and I believe having the privilege to drive will allow him to make life for him and his daughter so much better.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration and God bless you as you make these difficult decisions.

Sincerely,
Vicki Sears-Dorey

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