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Julia Bartolomeo
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Dear Ms. Bartolomeo:

My name is Sanjida Salman, a Master's Candidate in Socio-Legal Studies from York University, and a volunteer for Innocence Canada (formerly the Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted). I am writing to you on behalf of Innocence Canada to ask if Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua would proclaim October 2nd as Wrongful Conviction Day in Vaughan.

The purpose of Wrongful Conviction Day is to spread awareness about wrongful convictions and the effects these convictions have on individuals, their families, and the society at large. Through Wrongful Conviction Day, Innocence Canada aims to decrease the amount of wrongful convictions in Canada by encouraging the justice system to address issues that contribute to wrongful convictions.

Innocence Canada is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1993 and have been responsible for exonerating 21 wrongly convicted individuals. Amongst these exonerees are David Milgaard, Romeo Phillion, Steven Truscott and Guy Paul Morin. There is an undetermined amount of individuals sitting in Canadian prisons right now for crimes they did not commit. The varying factors leading to these convictions include tunnel vision, false witness testimony, and forced confessions. Nobody is exempt from the possibility of being wrongfully convicted.

Please visit <http://www.innocencecanada.com/> for more information on the organization, and feel free to contact me if you have further questions at [REDACTED]
or [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

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