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Subject: Transparency and Accountability in the Case of Mr. Erixon Kabera

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Dear Chief Bergen,

Today marks 60 days since the tragic and fatal shooting of our beloved colleague, Mr. Erixon Kabera by officers of the Hamilton Police Service. Despite the passage of time, the community continues to grapple with numerous unanswered questions and concerns surrounding the lack of transparency and accountability in this case.

Attached is a letter from the Rwandan Community Abroad - Canada (RCA -Canada) addressing these deeply troubling issues. The letter outlines our urgent call for transparency, accountability, and systemic change in response to this devastating incident.

We respectfully request that your office reviews the attached document thoroughly and takes immediate action to address the demands outlined.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us at diasporarcacanada@gmail.com

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Alain Patrick Ndengera
President
RCA - Canada

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The Chief of Police
Hamilton Police Service
Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Chief of Police,

I am writing to express my deepest concern and outrage regarding the tragic death of Erixon Kabera, a highly respected member of the Rwandan community in Canada. On November 9, 2024, Erixon was fatally shot six times by two Hamilton police officers, with one shot fired from behind. Furthermore, he suffered two broken arms.

I urge you to ensure a thorough, transparent, and unbiased investigation into this incident. While I acknowledge that the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is handling the investigation, I strongly believe that the officers involved should be treated as suspects and held accountable for their actions.

The Rwandan community in Canada (RCA Canada) demands transparency throughout this investigation. We request regular updates on the progress and any findings. It is essential that the investigation is conducted fairly, and justice is served.

We are requesting to take immediate action to address concerns about police-community relations, inclusivity, and use of force. The recent incident highlights the need for ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, and safety for all community members.

As Chief of Police, we expect your leadership to drive a culture of excellence, accountability, and respect within the police service. We look forward to collaborating with you to build trust and ensure policing practices align with our community's values and learning about the concrete actions you will take to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

Alain Patrick Ndengera
RCA Canada President