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Dear Minister,

FAIR (Fair Association of Victims for Accident Insurance Reform) is a not-for-profit organization of Ontario's injured MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident) victims who have struggled with the current auto insurance system.

We appreciate the Ontario government's substantial efforts to maintain the administration of justice in troubled times and the acknowledgement there are a multitude of changes that need to be done.

Today a legal opinion column raised an issue we think is of serious concern to Ontario's court system and the general ability of justice to function http://www.slaw.ca/2020/07/08/should-we-defund-the-civil-rules-committee-in-ontario/comment-page-1/#comment-950861. When an important 'arm' of the application of justice fails to even acknowledge a significant problem exists, despite it having been brought to their attention multiple times, it speaks to a systemic blindness and in the case of Ontario's vulnerable car crash survivors it undermines confidence in our justice system.

It's important to remember that even as the Rules Committee has ignored what FAIR has said in the letters below, they have also ignored what Ontario judges have said about the failure to safeguard the integrity of our courts and how that plays out for auto insurance litigants. This information is all within the letters we have sent to the Civil Rules Committee and that have gone without an adequate response. It's noteworthy that they've also ignored a member of the public who voiced similar concerns.

As laypersons we have limited knowledge regarding Civil Rules Committee funding but if those who make the Rules don't take any interest in how participants in the system feel about the effectiveness of those Rules, it's pretty much useless in the administration of justice. Rules can't be just words on paper to work.

We look forward to hearing back from your office regarding some action to ensure that Ontario's courts have meaningful rules, regulation and oversight.

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