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Dear Mr. Bouma;

This is an open letter to you regarding your recent attempts to have your constituents believe you have a genuine interest in the care of this country's first responders.

I personally wrote you on August 7, 2018, at 11:02 a.m. to tell you about the treatment I faced at the hands of my police chief, (Bryan Larkin), when I made an unprotected disclosure of wrongdoing to the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board. You never responded. In it, I sent you links to videos of me presenting at Queen's Park about what happens to officers like me who are diagnosed with PTSD and are left to fend for ourselves, (or kill ourselves).

In an article published by Kate Bueckert, CBC News, on June 27, 2019, you were quoted as saying "We owe it to anyone who's been injured in a workplace to properly take care of that and get people back to where they want to be."

Am I supposed to believe that? You owe it to "anyone?" You've done nothing for me.

When I resigned from policing in July, 2017, I had PTSD and was receiving psychology care and medication paid for by WSIB. I was being "cared for" as you put it. But, I know better than you, Mr. Bouma. I know that, despite the public statements made by police chiefs and politicians like yourself, that no one really cares about officers like me. For the safety of myself and my family, I made the police service sign a release saying they would not appeal my WSIB claim.

Yet, seven brief months later, the police service was appealing the WSIB decision (against our contract), to stop me from receiving those benefits. I was no longer on the payroll, but apparently, I was still a liability to them. Were they just trying to save money? ...Be fiscally responsible?

*Since my resignation in July, 2017, the police service has spent **\$203,472.40** to persecute me using the law firm Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP, (and continues to spend).*

So, you tell me, Mr. Bouma... Do the police services of Ontario take care of their people who have been injured in a workplace? I recently had to sell my home because of the ongoing legal action with the Waterloo Regional Police Service. I cannot afford a \$200k lawyer, so I have written all of my own legal paperwork, which has consumed my life since resigning from policing. I am not back to where I want to be.

You felt it was important to create a PTSD Awareness Day, but what does that really mean to you?

Perhaps you need to spend more time talking to people like me who can tell you what is really going on, then your worth as a politician will be known; will you act on the information? Or, do what every other politician in Ontario has done, which is most often “pass-the-buck?”

Your failure to respond to my first email tells me you are of the latter brand, and frankly we have enough of them.

Happy Canada Day,
Kelly Donovan