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### Yakabuski Reintroduces PMB to Help Make Victims of Violence Safer

**QUEEN'S PARK** – Today in the Legislative Assembly Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski reintroduced his Private Member's Bill that will help keep victims of a violence crime safer by compelling inmates to sign their certificate of parole before they are released back into our communities. As with the first two versions of this legislation, the *Ministry of Correctional Services Amendment Act (Parole), 2018* would also require electronic monitoring for offenders who are convicted of sexual or domestic assault.

As residents of Renfrew County know full well, the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act* currently allows for inmates to be granted parole even when they refused to sign their certificate of parole. The triple homicides which took place in the riding in the fall of 2015 was just such a scenario.

Earlier versions of this Bill received cross-party support, but unfortunately they died on the order paper when the House was unnecessarily prorogued by Premier Wynne. "I did not want to have to reintroduce this PMB" said Yakabuski. "From the beginning I have encouraged the government to take the measures in this Bill and make it part of a more comprehensive law and order package. However years have gone by since Basil Borutski's rampage ended the lives of Anastasia Kuzyk, Nathalie Warmerdam, and Carol Culleton and I felt compelled to put forward these common sense changes again."

Yakabuski noted that he often hears from residents who want greater accountability placed on parolees and that the government needs to respond to this desire. He concluded by stating that keeping victims of violence and sexual assault safe is an issue above politics and therefore should be front and centre on the government's agenda—years shouldn't go by with nothing being done.