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If Canadians allow this legislation to pass, countless families across our country will experience serious heartache and suffering as our children, relatives and spouses are locked up in prison for low-level non-violent crimes.

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