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'Dear Zachary' Bill Gets Passed Unanimously by House of Commons

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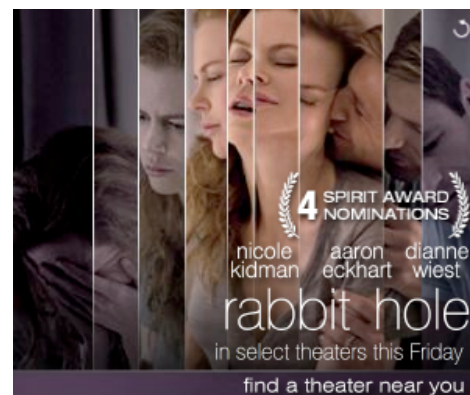
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The last time I updated you about the political push behind [Dear Zachary, A Letter to a Son About His Father](#), Bill C-464 (which would make it much harder for serious offenders to make bail) had gotten wonderful, [unanimous support](#) from all parties in Ottawa's House of Commons up here in Canada. But that was only support -- not an official vote. However, [Cinematical](#) has just learned from filmmaker [Kurt Kuenne](#) himself that the bill has been passed unanimously by the House of Commons, after David and Kate Bagby addressed the committee [earlier this month](#). Now the bill has to be passed by the Senate, and then it will become law. Finally.

Kuenne said: "Now it moves to the Senate, so we're off to the races and in the home stretch. There's not much for me to do at this point but sit back, watch and cheer on our supporters in Parliament." 100% percent agreement in any group is rare, but



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unanimous support from a collection of political parties? That just goes to show you how essential this bill is, and I dearly hope it continues its unanimous streak of support.

The plan is to get the bill to Senate soon, before they break. But if not, we'll know the fate of Bill C-464 this fall. Best wishes and congratulations to the Bagbys and Kuenne, who have fought for this reform with inspiring dedication.

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That really is an extraordinary show of people truly putting aside all their bullshit and doing what's right and I applaud them. It's a wonderful thing that a movie can make such a big difference. Dear Zachary was probably one of the toughest films I've sat down to watch in a long time, if not ever, and I'm so happy to see it's truly impactful.

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by clint - March 23rd 2010

Neutral

I don't think I have ever seen a more emotional film than "Dear Zachary." Even thinking about it now gets me choked up, and I saw it almost two years ago. I'm thrilled to read this news about the bill and sincerely hope it will help prevent tragedies like this in the future.

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Amazing work you have done, Kurt, to honor the memory of your dear friend Andrew and little Zachary.

Our family was victimized by a criminal who was out on bail at the time of his heinous crime and we truly feel the pain the Bagbys have had to endure.

God Bless you and the Bagbys.

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by liz - March 23rd 2010

Neutral

that's fantastic! here's hoping the senate is as receptive. i've been following dear zachary for a couple years now, and it's just so infuriating to think that he could have been saved if the right laws were in place. i sobbed through the whole documentary, kurt is a great film maker and a great friend for sticking this out and making sure this doesn't happen again.

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by moishe - March 25th 2010

Neutral

This is such good news. If you haven't seen the film, well, it's one of the rare ones that is both touching and pointed towards making positive change. Congratulations Kurt and the Bagby's, and thanks Cinematical for being the strongest supporters of this film from the get-go.

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