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## **An Open Letter to Our Supporters: DULF AID III**

There are moments when a society must confront the consequences of the laws it has chosen to live under.

We are living through such a moment now.

Across Canada, the toxic drug crisis continues to take lives at a staggering pace. These deaths do not occur because solutions are unknown. They occur because policies have left people dependent on an unregulated market that grows more toxic and unpredictable each year.

Between August 2022 and October 2023, the Drug User Liberation Front's Compassion Club and Fulfillment Centre attempted to respond to that reality.

At a time when the illicit supply had become increasingly poisonous, we created something simple but unprecedented: a place where people could access substances that were **known, tested, and predictable**. Heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine were provided at cost. Each substance was rigorously tested. What was offered was not profit, but stability and care.

In doing so, we demonstrated something governments had long insisted could not exist: a regulated supply that [reduced risk and saved lives](#).

But when people expose the failures of an entrenched system, the system often answers with punishment.

DULF co-founders **Eris Nyx** and **Jeremy Kalicum** have now been **convicted** under section 5(2) of the **Controlled Drugs and Substances Act** for their role in operating the Compassion Club. They each now face the possibility of up to three life sentences of **jail time**.

Their actions did not involve violence.

They did not involve exploitation.

They did not involve profit.

Their actions involved refusing to accept a system that condemns people to die.

Rather than ending the struggle, these convictions have sharpened it. The case has now become a constitutional challenge that asks a fundamental question Canada must confront:

**Can laws that produce preventable death claim to protect life?**

Our challenge is grounded in the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**, particularly two of its most fundamental guarantees:

1. **Section 7: Life, Liberty, and Security of the Person**

When the law prohibits safer alternatives to a toxic drug supply, it does more than regulate conduct. It forces people back into a market defined by volatility and contamination. By criminalizing safer supply initiatives, the state places individuals directly in harm's way.

2. **Section 15: Equality Before the Law**

These prohibitions fall most heavily on people already facing structural marginalization: those living with substance use disorders, those navigating disability, poverty, and exclusion. When the law denies them safer options while claiming to protect the public, it reveals a hierarchy of whose lives are valued.

Over the course of the proceedings, our legal team has **already presented extensive evidence** from experts in addiction medicine, epidemiology, public health, and drug checking. The court has also heard detailed evidence about how the Compassion Club operated and the outcomes it produced.

This is not merely a legal defense.

It is a direct confrontation with a legal framework whose consequences have become impossible to ignore.

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### **The Progress We Have Made**

Because of the extraordinary solidarity of supporters across the country, **\$712,606.60 has already been raised** toward this legal defense.

Those funds have allowed us to retain expert witnesses, gather evidence, and bring this constitutional challenge forward.

What might have been a quiet prosecution has become a serious legal challenge to Canada's drug laws.

But the fight is not over.

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### **The Road Ahead: DULF AID III**

To bring this constitutional challenge fully through trial, it has become apparent that we must raise **\$1,000,000**.

With **\$712,606.60** already secured, nearly **\$300,000** still needs to be raised. This is why we are launching **DULF AID III**.

These funds are necessary to carry the case through its final stages at trial and ensure that the constitutional arguments are presented with the full rigor they require.

Our lawyers are working at a fraction of their usual rates because they understand the significance of this case. Even so, constitutional litigation requires an enormous amount of legal preparation and work.

It is also important to be clear about what lies ahead.

**One million dollars will not carry this case through every level of court.**

Constitutional challenges frequently proceed through appeals and may ultimately reach the **Supreme Court of Canada**. It is therefore likely that **additional fundraising will be required in the future**.

But reaching the **\$1,000,000 mark now is essential** to ensure that the trial itself is fought with the full strength it deserves.

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### **Upcoming Court Dates**

The case is now entering its final stage at trial.

**Final arguments will be heard in court from July 13–21.**

These hearings will determine the next phase of the case and will play a critical role in whether Canada's drug laws can withstand constitutional scrutiny.

Supporters who wish to follow developments or attend proceedings will be able to find updates through our website and mailing list.

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### **How You Can Help**

#### **1. Tax-Free Donations (Over \$1000)**

Donations over \$1000 can be made through **Moms Stop the Harm** via **CanadaHelps**: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/126579>

Instructions:

- Select **DULF** under “fund”
- Donation must be **over \$1000**

## 2. Donate Directly Now

### Zeffy Donations

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/dulf-legal-aid-ii-the-final-push>

### E-Transfers and PayPal

[druguserliberationfront@gmail.com](mailto:druguserliberationfront@gmail.com)

## 3. Spread the Word

Share this campaign with your networks and help ensure that people understand what is at stake in this case.

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The toxic drug crisis has forced a stark truth into view.  
The current system is not merely ineffective.  
It is deadly.

The Compassion Club represented a refusal to accept the quiet normalization of mass death. It demonstrated that another path was possible.

Now the courts must decide whether that refusal can be treated as a crime.  
But before that question can be answered, the case must be fought.  
And fighting it requires resources.

The funds raised through **DULF AID III** will determine whether this constitutional challenge can proceed with the strength, preparation, and legal rigor necessary to confront a law that has cost thousands of lives.

If you believe that people should not be forced to die because safer alternatives are criminalized, we invite you to stand with us.

**Donate. Share. Help carry this fight forward.**

In solidarity,  
**The Drug User Liberation Front**