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Senate Legal Committee Supports Tona's Law Proposal to Require Correctional Accountability

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OTTAWA, MARCH 12, 2026—The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee has voted in support of [Tona's Law, Bill S-205](#), setting the stage for a final debate and vote on the bill in the Senate.

Tona's Law consists of safeguards tirelessly advocated by Tona Mills, a survivor of more than 10 years in solitary confinement and the lifelong adverse health consequences of isolation. Tona succumbed to terminal cancer in the weeks before the committee's vote.

The Senate has already endorsed the measures contained in Tona's Law three times before. Most recently, in December 2024, the Senate passed the bill and sent it to the House of Commons. Further study was pre-empted by the last federal election.

The government promised to eliminate solitary confinement in federal prisons in 2019. As underscored by [its own data](#), these inhumane conditions of isolation continue, disproportionately affecting Indigenous Peoples, Black Canadians, and persons with disabilities.

"I look forward to continuing to work with my Senate colleagues on these vital measures to uphold human and *Charter* rights," said Senator Kim Pate. "I trust we will draw inspiration from Tona's unwavering courage and conviction in support of these long-recommended, long-overdue and vitally necessary safeguards and remedial options and that we will make her dying wish a reality—ensuring that no one ever again experiences what she had to endure."

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