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**To the editors of the Delta Optimist and the Surrey Now newspapers.**

Re: **"Province looking to make changes on legislation governing leaky condos"**  
(as published by the Delta Optimist on March 29, 2003).

As president of the Foundation for the Coalition Against No-Fault in BC and a former executive director of the Surrey Crime Prevention Society, I've been working to protect the rights of victims and to reduce incidents of harm done to innocent people.

Unquestionably, both criminal acts and civil wrongs are events that create victims. When these occur, the people who have suffered damage through no fault of their own should be the last ones to answer for the wrongful acts of others.

Yet, as your news article pointed out ["Province looking to make changes on legislation governing leaky condos" (March 29, 2003)], current plans of the Attorney General, Geoff Plant, will eliminate this fundamental concept.

We – watchdogs and individual citizens – need to draw more attention to the threatened removal of joint and several liability, of proper compensation for innocent victims. It is a very important area of law. It is at risk of being eliminated. Such changes would remove fundamental rights and deny fair compensation to victims.

I cannot emphasize enough how permanently damaging this would be for the people of BC.

Sincerely,

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