

# **FORMAL STATEMENT**

## **I. The Collective Loss and the Limits of Procedural Resolution**

This statement is submitted on behalf of the family and kinship of Constable Tzu-Hsin Shaelyn Yang, who was killed in the line of duty. While we recognize the statutory mandate of the Court and the Review Board, we wish to record that these procedural determinations offer no solace to an irrevocably shattered family. For the father and the entire kinship, this represents a fundamental loss of trust in the institutional systems she served. We cannot accept that a medical diagnosis can stand as a substitute for moral accountability.

## **II. The Effect of Systemic Failure**

From the family's perspective, this death was not an isolated event. It occurred within a broader context of systemic challenges—including untreated mental illness, homelessness, and drug abuse—that place frontline personnel in positions of recurring risk. The loss we have suffered is the result of these systemic issues, and compounded by how her death has been structurally ignored.

## **III. A Plea for Balanced Compassion and the Scale of Justice**

We do not ignore the predicaments of those who are suffering from mental health conditions. However, compassion that is institutionally directed toward only one party creates a profoundly dangerous imbalance. Where is the compassion for the protector and the family she left behind? When the ongoing trauma of a victim's family is left unattended, it creates a vacuum that strains the moral legitimacy of the entire process. To focus exclusively on the recovery for the one who caused the harm, while remaining silent on the permanent devastation of those who served, is a failure of justice and a disservice to the victim's humanity.

#### **IV. Statement of Principled Silence**

The family will provide no further substantive submissions or participation. We respectfully request that this **Principled Silence** be noted as a statement of reservation regarding the inherent inequities of the NCR and UST legal framework, which we believe fundamentally marginalizes the victim's pursuit of justice. This silence reflects our realization that, within the current structure, there is no meaningful avenue through which our loss can be acknowledged.

#### **V. Formal Request for Permanent Inclusion in Annual Reviews**

We respectfully request that the Board consider this Victim Impact Statement as a permanent attachment to the file of the accused, and that this document be considered in its entirety when reviewing the status of the accused.

#### **VI. Closing Statement**

We leave the Court and the Review Board with the unresolved weight of a family's grief, and ask that this human cost to us and to society not be overtaken by a diagnosis or procedural designation.

We respectfully request that the Board formally acknowledge this human cost in its records, ensuring that it remains an integral part of the judicial memory for all future proceedings, and that this statement is recognized at all future disposition hearings, to represent the gravity of our loss.