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The Quad Para Association of South Africa (QASA) has been in existence since 1978. QASA provides projects products and services for quadriplegics and paraplegics in South Africa most of our members have become quadriplegics and paraplegics through spinal cord injury

Many of the Association's members were injured in road accidents and accordingly the system of compensation applicable to members whose road accident fund claims are in process or in respect of future victims of road accidents is a matter of great interest and responsibility to the Association.

The interests of spinal cord victims, and particular their right to fair compensation and private medical care has formed the basis of a long term working relationship between myself and **Ronald Bobroff**.

Ronal had fought tirelessly for almost two decades together with myself and other persons recruited by Ronald to the cause to protect the rights of spinal cord injury victims, in the face of relentless efforts by the RAF and the DOT to dramatically reduce such compensation. This started with a series of green papers submitted by the transport Minister Mac Maharaj and continued endless attempts to amend the RAF Act in such a way as to dramatically reduce compensation levels.

Ronald prepared numerous papers demonstrating the unworkability of these ongoing amendments and the ways in which these would prejudice seriously injured road accident victims.

Very significantly due to Ronald's tireless and gratuitous efforts no significant amendments to the RAF act occurred from 1999 until 2008.

I tendered numerous Parliamentary Transport Committee hearings together with Ronald and he provided valuable assistance to QASA as also to other groups representing interests of victims.

Ronald gave extensive evidence to the Satchwell Judicial Commission of enquiry into the RAF scheme, and a perusal of the Commission's report reveals his extensive contribution on almost every issue considered by the commission

Perhaps the pinnacle of Ronald's contribution or road accidents victims, but especially those that suffered serious injuries requiring lifelong medical care, home modifications, sophisticated prostheses and access to cutting edge first world medicine and technology.

This he achieved by successfully persuading the Law Society of South Africa on which I am aware he served as a councillor for decades as also the Associate of Personal Injury Lawyers to lodge in 2010 a constitutional challenge to amendments of the road accident funds act which removed the rights of all road accident victims to private medical care.

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Such amendment left unchanged would have resulted in the deaths and or lifelong aggravation of suffering of millions of Road Accident Fund victims and their families. However thanks largely to Ronald's unflagging efforts the constitutional challenge was brought, and was successful in restoring the rights of all road accident victims to first world private medical care.

I am also aware of Ronald's tireless and successful efforts for many years in opposing the introduction of the so called ROAD ACCIDENT BENEFITE SCHEME, and which would have immediately deprived all victims of road accidents any prospects of fair compensation, private medical care of choice.

This letter serves to acknowledge the work done by Ronald Bobroff for the rights of people with spinal cord injury and also acknowledging the service he has provided to QASA in terms of legal support and advocacy and lobby services.



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