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I'm here today to represent those who were wrongfully detained by police on the weekend of the G20 Summit in Toronto.

I'm just an ordinary person. I'm not an organizer, I'm not an activist. But I got caught up in the police kettling operation at Queen Street and Spadina Avenue on Sunday afternoon that weekend. I just feel that what happened to me, and to hundreds of others, was very wrong.

I live in downtown Toronto -- on Queen Street. It shocks me that I was surrounded and held by police because I was just walking on the street where I live.

At Queen and Spadina that afternoon, during a peaceful protest, with no warning, we were surrounded by hundreds of police in riot gear, fully armed. We could not leave. They kept us standing in one of the worst rain storms of the year for over four hours with no information disseminated to us, no food, no water, no toilets. Sometimes the police charged into the crowd, picking out people indiscriminately for arrest, and dragging them away.

It was a very frightening and disturbing experience. I couldn't believe this was happening in my country. Despite what I went through, I still

consider myself lucky compared to the people who were taken and held at the Eastern Detention Centre.

I couldn't sleep that night, I had to take off work the next day and I suffered from a panic attack on the way to work the following day.

But the biggest consequence of that weekend is that I have lost my trust in the police. Now, I am nervous when I see a police car. I consistently look over my shoulder. Sadly, it will take a long time to regain that trust.

I've launched this lawsuit on behalf of the class of plaintiffs to seek the truth, and to hold those responsible for these actions accountable. I hope that accountability will make things better for the future for all us.

I believe this could be a difficult journey, but in the end, I consider it a privilege to be able to represent all those detained without charge on the G20 weekend. You folks know what you went through. Hopefully I can help right that wrong.