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Mr. Tony Cannavino, President
Canadian Police Association (CPA)
Mr. Jack Ewatski, President
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP)
Mr. Ian Wilms, President
Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB)
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Dear Messrs. Cannavino, Ewatski and Wilms:

Thank you for your interest in the Government of Canada's proposal to work with the provinces and territories to create a new, cost-shared program to put 2,500 more police officers in communities across Canada. I appreciate the helpful input that you have provided to date on this proposal.

In recent discussions, the provinces and territories have confirmed their interest in further discussions on this proposal. We will be pursuing those discussions over the summer months. Provinces and territories also emphasized the need for their jurisdiction for policing to be respected.

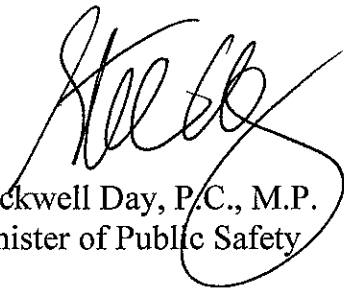
The Government of Canada is committed to continuing to work closely with the provinces and territories to identify how best to move forward with this proposal in a manner that respects their jurisdiction. Therefore, the Government is looking to the provinces and territories to engage key stakeholders within their respective jurisdictions, including municipalities and police organizations.

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As I indicated when I met with your associations and during our bilateral meetings, input from key stakeholders such as the CPA, the CACP and the CAPB is vital in this exercise. Consequently, I encourage you to ensure that provincial and territorial ministers responsible for policing, as well as their officials, are aware of your views and recommendations.

Thank you again for your ongoing interest in this initiative.

Yours sincerely,



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