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Dear Police Services Board Chair:

As we venture into 2021, I am writing to extend my sincere appreciation for the leadership of your Board in ensuring the safety of your community through the unprecedented events of this past year.

Police services boards play an essential role in providing civilian police governance and a voice to the needs of the community. This is especially important now, when the health and safety of our community members are at greater risk. While I know it has been challenging to navigate the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for our policing partners that already work around the clock to keep us safe, I cannot thank you enough for supporting ongoing local enforcement efforts.

Throughout the pandemic, the rules set out in regulation and the demands on police services have changed frequently in an effort to stem the risks faced by Ontario communities and respond to evolving evidence and the best advice of our public health experts. As case counts continue to rise sharply across the province, I can assure you that we will continue to be here to support your Board, and all our policing partners, in navigating any future changes to COVID-related orders and enforcement requirements.

We take our role in promoting the safety of all Ontario communities very seriously, and I know you do too. Thank you again for your part in keeping your community safe, and healthy, in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,



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