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The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General of Ontario  
Ministry of the Solicitor General  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Dear Minister Jones,

As Ontario's police leaders, members of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) are proud to work with the hard-working members of the Ministry of the Solicitor General (MSG) to address the changing public safety and community wellness needs of Ontario communities. We are also grateful for your support as Solicitor General for our police personnel who work hard to keep Ontarians safe.

I am writing to make you aware of our members' ongoing concerns for the future of provincial grants that support police work in our province. Specifically, OACP members are looking for an ongoing commitment from the Government of Ontario in relation to two specific programs: the Community Safety and Policing Grant (CSPG) and the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Grant (CSPTG), including both local and provincial streams of funding.

The OACP appreciates that governments have a duty to ensure that provincial grants which support community safety and well-being achieve their objectives are used to enhance the security of Ontarians and enhance the ability of police services to serve members of our communities effectively. We are proud of the many OACP members and committees who provide expert advice to and who work with MSG officials on these and other grant programs. I believe that, together, we are helping make Ontario a great place to live, work, and raise our families.

Over the past several months, many of our police services and police personnel whose responsibilities include working with these two programs have and continue to express concern regarding the short-term and long-term fiscal viability of the programs. We are looking for your government's commitment to maintaining and even enhancing these programs in order to support the dedicated work of our police personnel in their communities.

The OACP is committed to working with your ministry to ensure the province's grants programs continue to support our police personnel and our communities across Ontario.

I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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