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Dear Sandra Barr:

Thank you for your correspondence highlighting the Killaloe OPP Detachment Board's support for the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East's motion on Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies in Ontario and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program. As Solicitor General of Ontario, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Ensuring the safety and well-being of the people of Ontario is a top priority for our government. The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to providing frontline police and their partners with the tools, training, and resources they need to keep Ontario's communities safe and resilient. We recognize the important role that police services play in collaborating with municipal and community partners and will continue to make significant investments in support of this priority.

In April 2023, the Ontario government announced an investment of $112 million over three years to strengthen the province's bail system and ensure that high-risk and repeat violent offenders comply with their bail conditions, thereby preventing them from endangering our communities. This funding supported the creation of the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant, the expansion of the OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad, the establishment of Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Teams and the rollout of a province wide Bail Compliance Dashboard.

Under the BCWA Grant, the ministry allocated a total of $24 million over three years from 2023-24 to 2025-26 to support 20 police projects. These initiatives helped police services establish dedicated bail compliance and warrant apprehension teams to monitor high-risk individuals and supported the implementation of new technology for a provincewide bail compliance monitoring system. As recently announced through the *2026 Ontario Budget*, the ministry is investing an additional $8.3 million in 2026-27 to continue the BCWA Grant.

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The ministry also offers several public safety grant programs that are primarily available to local police services and boards, working alongside their community partners, which can be leveraged to address priority risks in the community and support local safety and well-being efforts.

This includes the ministry's Victim Support Grant (VSG) program which provides police services, in collaboration with community-based agencies, organizations or Indigenous communities, with funding to enhance capacity to support victims and survivors of crime including intimate partner violence, domestic violence, human trafficking and more. Specifically, under the current two-year cycle (2025-26 to 2026-27), the ministry is investing $6 million through the VSG program to support 19 projects.

Additionally, the ministry launched a new two-year cycle of the Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant (2026-27 to 2027-28) and applications were due to the ministry on February 11, 2026. Funding is available to community-based not-for-profit organizations, organizations sponsored by such entities, and First Nation Chiefs and Band Councils. The theme for the current cycle is "*Preventing Hate Motivated Crime through Community Collaboration*" and supports an integrated community-based approach to addressing issues related to hate motivated crime. The theme is also responsive to the increase in police-reported hate crime across Ontario. Applications submitted for the 2026-27 to 2027-28 cycle are currently being reviewed by the ministry.

Please be assured that public safety is paramount to our government. We will continue to work with our policing and community partners to keep Ontario communities safe. Additionally, our government will continue to work with the Government of Canada to ensure real solutions are developed to address these serious issues.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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