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Mr. Eli El-Chantiry, Chair Ottawa Police Services Board 110 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1

Dear Mr. El-Chantiry,

Thank you for your recent letter on the topic of the Police Officer Recruitment Fund (PORF), and the impact the federal government's termination of the program will have on the City of Ottawa.

At our last board meeting, in September, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) approved a recommendation to lobby the federal government to make PORF funding permanent. We feel that, given the financial and other challenges facing municipalities today, this is the only viable option for our membership.

As a result, we have written to the Minister of Public Safety, the Hon. Vic Toews, requesting that PORF be made a permanent program funded by the federal government. A copy of that letter is attached.

Thank you again for raising this issue with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me with anything further on this or any other issue.

As always, thank you for your commitment to keeping Ottawa safe.

Sincerely,

Henry Jensen President