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Councillor Eli El-Chantiry
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Dear Councillor *ELI* El-Chantiry:

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, has forwarded to me your recent correspondence regarding interest arbitration in the public sector. I appreciate your sharing the resolution of the Ottawa Police Services Board on this issue.

As the Premier's response to you points out, we are committed to continuing to work on addressing issues related to the interest arbitration system. As highlighted in the recent Speech from the Throne, the new Ontario government is seeking to build a sustainable model for wage negotiations that is respectful of both collective bargaining and a fair and transparent interest arbitration process.

Since my appointment as Minister of Labour, I have met with municipal, employer and labour stakeholders, and expect these discussions to continue as we seek support and consensus in respect of interest arbitration reforms. I want to acknowledge the critical role played by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Emergency Services Steering Committee in addressing this issue.

I will be continuing these discussions, and appreciate receiving your input in this regard. More broadly, I look forward to continuing to work with municipal stakeholders on our shared goal of advancing safe, fair and harmonious workplace practices that are essential to the social and economic well-being of the people of Ontario.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yasir Naqvi'.

Yasir Naqvi
Minister of Labour

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier