



May 16, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Federal Collaboration to Address Organized Crime, Auto Theft, and Cross-Border Public Safety Threats

On behalf of the Peel Police Service Board and Peel Regional Police, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations on the formation of your new Cabinet. We look forward to working closely with your government to address the urgent and evolving public safety challenges facing Canadians—challenges that are increasingly complex, transnational in scope, and beyond the capacity of any one jurisdiction to resolve alone.

Peel Region is home to Canada's busiest international airport, one of its largest intermodal freight corridors, and a rapidly growing and diverse population. We are on the frontlines of an evolving public safety crisis—one marked by violent auto thefts, high-risk home invasions, and the trafficking of illicit firearms, drugs, and fentanyl across our borders. Organized crime networks are taking advantage of gaps in our justice system and border infrastructure, with devastating consequences for residents, first responders, and communities.

At both the Police Service Board and Service levels, we have been at the forefront of public safety modernization—just as we were in raising the alarm on organized auto theft long before it became a national issue. Our Board has advocated for stronger bail reform, more targeted federal penalties, and greater integration between local, provincial, and federal enforcement agencies. Peel Regional Police—under the leadership of Chief Nishan Duraiappah—has led major cross-border investigations, including a recent international partnership with the FBI that resulted in the dismantling of a transnational drug and firearms trafficking network.

Despite these efforts, the legal and policy frameworks that govern bail, border enforcement, and organized crime have not kept pace with the scale and sophistication of modern criminal operations. We continue to see repeat auto theft offenders released on bail, only to reoffend. We see firearms linked to homicides flowing into Canada with little resistance. And we see the proceeds of crime reinvested into new offences, perpetuating a dangerous cycle of violence and victimization.

We respectfully urge your government to strengthen bail provisions in the Criminal Code to better reflect the serious and violent nature of today's motor vehicle thefts—particularly those involving home invasions, carjackings, or repeat offenders.

We also encourage the federal government to build on recent investments in border enforcement by expanding its focus on firearms trafficking. This should include enhanced detection technology, tougher penalties for smuggling, and deeper intelligence-sharing with U.S. partners to identify and disrupt cross-border supply chains.

To support these efforts, there is an immediate need for a modernized, national Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN). A PSBN enables real-time, interoperable data communications across public safety agencies in a way that is resilient, reliable, and cost-effective—both during daily operations and in times of emergency. In today's environment, data communication is as vital as voice communication for effective policing. Peel Region has already established its own PSBN model and has led national discussions with Public Safety Canada and the Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development on the need for this dedicated infrastructure. We believe Public Safety Canada has a critical role to play in delivering this foundational capability for police and emergency services across the country.

Finally, Peel is uniquely positioned to contribute to a more coordinated national strategy. With the upcoming expansion of our aerial operations infrastructure, we are prepared to support federal enforcement efforts through potential deployment bases for air and border security assets. Our location, resources, and operational experience make us a natural partner in this work.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with you, Minister Fraser, Minister Anandasangaree, Minister Jolie and Secretary of State Sahota. Together, we believe there is an opportunity to implement meaningful, nationally coordinated solutions that strengthen public safety for all Canadians.

Public safety cannot be addressed in silos. It demands collaboration, leadership, and accountability across all orders of government. Peel stands ready to do its part.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Peel Police Service Board

cc:

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety

The Honourable Mélanie Jolie, Minister of Industry

The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State (Combating Crime)

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton

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