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Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800-97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

### RE: Cypress County Support for the RCMP

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Dear Minister Madu:

On behalf of Cypress County Council, I am writing to express our support for the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as our provincial police force.

After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel: Report to Government, along with the many letters we have now received from other municipalities, Cypress County will stand with those municipalities in opposition of creating an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

The recommendation to create a provincial police service despite only 35% of respondents supporting the idea is troubling, especially coupled with an increase in cost to our ratepayers with no guarantee of any advancement in service. Alberta is a democracy, asking Albertans to fund a police service they are opposed to goes against the basic definition of democracy, to 'rule by the people'. We ask you to listen to your constituents and be our voice.

In Cypress County we are appreciative of the relationship we have with our local RCMP detachment and enhanced officer. We wish to continue this relationship for many years. We ask the Government of Alberta to listen to Albertans, continue forward with the RCMP and build an improved more cohesive relationship.

Sincerely,

Dan Hamilton, Reeve  
Cypress County

cc. The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Drew Barnes, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat  
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