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Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
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Dear Minister Madu

RE: Support for RCMP

The Council of the Village of Rockyford has chosen to add our voices to the multiple municipalities that have spoken out in full support of the RCMP. We have an excellent working relationship with our local detachment and the costs associated with replacing them with a provincial police service are not measured in dollars alone.

We have recently had to add the cost of policing into our annual operating budget because of the funding changes and that was difficult enough, if we are now going to be expected to help bear the costs of implementing a new police service, it will stretch us beyond our ability, with no indication of what the excessive costs will actually achieve. There is no indication that a new police force will improve any aspect of policing for the citizens or the municipalities but will in fact cost us all.

The Fair Deal Panel's recommendation does not factor in any public opinion that we can see, as the number of letters that we are receiving speaking out against the proposal is indicative that a majority of the municipalities are against it. The municipal leaders are the ones that hear directly from the taxpayers on a base level and are sharing those views with you through these letters.

Respectfully,

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Village of Rockyford

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