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His Worship James Verquin
Mayor of Rycroft
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Dear Mayor Verquin and Village of Rycroft Council,

As you might be aware, in January, the National Police Federation (NPF) launched the [KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour](#) to provide information and listen to Albertans about the provincial government's unpopular and wasteful plan to transition to a new provincial police service.

We are now just over half-way through our scheduled Community Engagement Tour, having completed three rounds of in-person events and three online sessions. We have visited twenty-two municipalities from Pincher Creek to Fort McMurray and met with hundreds of Albertans from all walks of life. From all these meetings, one thing is clear - Albertans want answers from their government and do not support this transition.

The Government of Alberta (GoA) has committed to making a decision about the future of the RCMP in Alberta this spring. However, the pressing concern that remains top of mind for the public is the limited options available to them to hear the government's presentation and have their questions answered. The GoA's sessions that are currently happening are only open to invited participants from municipal governments, and not to the general public or other groups, and we understand that even then, there are many questions the Alberta Justice team cannot answer.

If you have recently attended one of the GoA's APPS presentations and would like to share any of your thoughts and feedback with us, we would appreciate hearing it and being able to pass it along. This will allow us to let the public know what information is available to them through you, their elected officials. Albertans deserve answers to their questions and to understand why the government is proceeding with this unwanted idea.

A special thank you to all of you who have come out to our sessions so far, it has been great to talk with you about what this proposed transition might mean for your communities. If you have not yet attended one of our KeepAlbertaRCMP sessions, we still have a number of in-person and virtual sessions which can be found here: <https://www.keepalbertarcmp.ca/communityengagementtour>. Unlike the GoA, our presentations are open to all. Please feel free to send this link to anyone you think may be interested in attending.

Sincerely,

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