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The Honourable Yasir Naqvi  
Minister of Labour  
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Toronto, ON  
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Dear Honourable Minister:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 2013, in response to the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board's resolution calling for changes to Ontario's interest arbitration process.

Your letter was shared with the Members of the Niagara Police Services Board at our July 25, 2013 meeting to inform them of your Ministry's plan to continue discussions on this important matter. The Board appreciates your attention to this matter and the fact that you are committed to working on addressing issues on interest arbitration reforms.

The Niagara Board has been supportive of legislative changes that would bring more accountability and transparency requirements to arbitrator's decision-making process since it was first raised with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Emergency Services Steering Committee.

To this end, the Niagara Board is most interested in hearing about the Ministry's approach and direction it is taking. The Board would be pleased to receive regular updates on the progress of this important issue.

Thank you again for your correspondence. The Board looks forward to future information from you and your Ministry as you pursue interest arbitration reforms.

Yours truly,

Henry D'Angela  
Board Chair

- c. The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Mr. Tim Hudak, Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario  
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario  
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