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October 23, 2014

Hon Minister Mr. Yasir Naqvi  
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
25 Grosvenor Street -18th Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Minister Naqvi,

I am writing to you regarding the increase in Basic Constable Training Fees at the Ontario Police College that are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2015. This matter was also raised with you by Mr. Ken East, President of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), in correspondence dated September 9, 2014 and by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), in a media release dated September 2, 2014.

The Durham Regional Police Services Board agrees with the positions taken by the OAPSB and the OACP, and is also seriously concerned about the 47.5% increase in the cost to attend Basic Constable Training. This represents an onerous escalation and is very likely to produce a negative effect on our ability to attract qualified candidates to a career in policing. While we can appreciate that the College operates according to a cost recovery model, the reasonableness of such a large increase all at once is lacking. The increase also draws attention to the actual cost of the training, which will rise to close to \$1,000 a week, and whether efficiencies should be examined.

We would request that the Provincial Government reconsider its decision regarding the increase in fees to Basic Constable Training.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

Roger Anderson  
Chair

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