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Dear Chief Demkiw and Chair Carroll:

Further to my correspondence dated December 11, 2025, outlining my ministry's ongoing efforts to combat and prevent hate-motivated crime, I am writing to you both once again with urgency to underscore the need for firm, consistent and visible enforcement of hate, intimidation and harassment-motivated offences by the Toronto Police Service.

Recent incidents, including mob intimidation and harassment at the Eaton Centre just last week, as well as ongoing and intimidating marches through residential neighbourhoods near Bathurst and Sheppard, are completely unacceptable. These incidents have left many residents living in a state of heightened fear and anxiety, concerned about a lack of visible response and feeling unable to move freely and safely in public spaces or within their own neighbourhoods. When such incidents occur repeatedly and without visible consequences, it substantially undermines public confidence in the rule of law and in the institutions responsible for upholding it.

Our government, led by Premier Ford, has been incredibly consistent in our message to the people of Ontario. We continue to champion everyone's right to live safely and peacefully in their communities and in their own homes. This has been my single highest priority.

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Our government continues to strongly support the Toronto Police Service and its members, as represented by the Toronto Police Association, by providing the tools, equipment and authorities needed to respond effectively and lawfully to these incidents, including training, legislative authority, investments and strategic resources aimed specifically at hate-motivated crime, public order challenges and community safety.

With those tools in place, enforcement at the local level is critical. The responsibility now rests with police leadership to ensure that existing authorities to act are used promptly and decisively when criminal acts of hate and intimidation are taking place. Strong action is required to prevent further escalation and hold offenders to account. It will also assure Toronto residents and people across Ontario that intimidation, harassment and hate-motivated conduct will not be tolerated anywhere in our province.

That is why I am resharing my letter from December 11, 2025, with both of you, as I remain very concerned regarding the state of our public safety in Toronto, a place where I proudly reside and serve my constituents as a local Member of Provincial Parliament.

Sincerely,



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