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Interim Chief Executive Officer
Toronto Transit Commission

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Chief Myron Demkiw
Toronto Police Service
Headquarters, 40 College St.
Toronto, ON M5G 2J3

Dear Chief Demkiw,

I am reaching out as a concerned leader regarding the recent rise in hateful graffiti targeting the Jewish community across our city.

We have noticed an exceptionally high concentration of these incidents on our subway trains at terminal stations and along surface routes like College, University, and Spadina. Hundreds of customers have expressed frustration about the defacement of local stop poles, shelters, and vehicles. We need your help to address these hotspots and take preventative action.

When hateful graffiti is reported, our teams track the incident and prioritize responding within 24 hours. Scheduled work is pushed back to accomplish this, delaying important TTC system maintenance.

The TTC has zero tolerance for hate or aggressive public rhetoric – a sentiment I know you share. I pride myself on leading a safety-first organization, and I want our customers and all Torontonians to feel safe walking, cycling, driving, or riding transit.

The TTC would welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the TPS Hate Crimes unit to review our data and take action on this issue, especially in areas where graffiti activity has become chronic.

I recognize the complexities of addressing these incidents and seek any guidance you can provide regarding effective deterrents, processes, or available supports to mitigate this troubling trend. We cannot allow this behaviour to continue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued partnership.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Percy".

Greg Percy
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Jamaal Myers, TTC Chair

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