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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
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Re: Support for Bill C-2 (Strong Borders Act) in relation to OACP Resolution 2025-02

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anandasangaree,

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), I am writing to express our strong support for Bill C-2, *The Strong Borders Act*, which is currently before the Parliament of Canada. The support of Ontario's police leadership for Bill C-2 mirrors the position of our national association, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) in its statement of June 4, 2025. We note and support the CACCP's comments related to these essential points:

- That Bill C-2 reflects "numerous longstanding recommendations from the policing community aimed at supporting law enforcement across the country" by reinforcing the integrity of Canada's borders and modernizing legislative frameworks,
- The need to address systemic vulnerabilities in the justice system, particularly in the domain of lawful access to electronic evidence, information sharing, anti-money laundering measures, and enhancing authority at border agencies, and
- Specific provisions of the Bill aiming to enable law enforcement, when authorized by the courts, to intercept contraband, firearms, counterfeit items, dangerous drugs (including fentanyl), and to better regulate drug precursors.

These measures are, in our view, essential in responding to the evolving and complex threats posed by transnational organized crime, which exploit gaps in legislation, in border control, and in legal tools available to police and other agencies.

Related to Bill C-2, I also note that at the OACP's 2025 Annual General Meeting, our members passed *Resolution 2025-02: Advancing Lawful Interception Tools to Combat Serious Transnational Organized Crime*. This important resolution included:

- Recognition that transnational organized crime endangers public safety, democratic institutions, and economic stability,
- Identification of the inadequacy of existing legislation, especially Part VI of the *Criminal Code of Canada*, to keep pace with technological change and the investigative needs posed by contemporary organized criminal activity, and
- A call for urgent enhancement of lawful interception tools and technologies, as well as the allocation of funding and resources for research, acquisition, implementation, maintenance, and training in those capabilities.

Considering the above, the OACP supports Bill C-2 and urges the Government of Canada to ensure:

1. Full implementation of the proposed provisions so that police and border agencies are empowered with the modern tools needed to detect, prevent, and disrupt serious transnational organized crime,
2. That the lawful interception authorities in Bill C-2 are sufficiently robust, clear, and accompanied by procedural safeguards to ensure respect for Charter rights while enabling effective investigations,
3. That adequate funding and resourcing accompany the legislative changes—this includes investment in technology, training, staffing, and interoperability (both between agencies and across jurisdictions). These are precisely the kinds of supports called for in our Resolution 2025-02,
4. That information sharing and anti-money laundering mechanisms are strengthened, and that oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust, and
5. Your government commit to continued engagement with provincial and municipal policing partners to align implementation, minimize gaps, and ensure that the law, once enacted, works smoothly in practice on the ground.

We believe this legislation, properly enacted and resourced, can significantly strengthen Canada's ability to respond to transnational threats, protect communities, reduce victimization, and uphold public safety.

Sincerely,



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