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Chair Pat Mandy
Hamilton Police Services Board
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Via Email: pat.mandy@hamilton.ca

Dear Chair Mandy:

Re: Auto Thefts and Carjackings

Organized auto thefts and carjackings have become an increasing concern across the province. In Peel Region alone, there has been an increase in auto thefts by 30 percent and carjackings by 45 percent over the past year. Those responsible for these crimes are becoming more brazen and do not care about jurisdictional boundaries.

In spring 2022, the Peel Police Services Board introduced a motion at our board meeting to work with our police service on increased measures to reduce organized auto thefts and carjackings in Peel. Letters were also sent to local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament seeking their support on a joint approach to address this issue. While we are seeing some positive action, more must be done to address this problem, and cooperation and collaboration is needed and expected by our respective communities.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to an “Auto Thefts and Carjackings Summit”, that will be hosted in Peel Region, which will bring together Mayors, Police Chiefs and Police Services Board Chairs to discuss this issue and find solutions and concrete outcomes to reduce organized auto thefts and carjackings across the GTHA.

This letter is also being sent to Mayors, Chiefs and Chairs of police jurisdictions in Peel, Toronto, York, Durham, Halton, Hamilton and Niagara. The invitation will also be sent to the Commissioner of the OPP, the Attorney General of Ontario and the Solicitor General and their respective Parliamentary Assistants and Deputy Ministers. A GTHA approach will send a strong message that we will use our collective resources to end this threat and increase community safety across the region.

The board office in Peel will begin reaching out to you to find some time in early 2023 for this important meeting. Given the number of civic leaders required, if you cannot attend, please select a designate to ensure we can hold this summit as soon as possible. Once a date is secured, we will communicate further details related to location and agenda.

We can all agree that through multi-jurisdictional collaboration we can continue to dismantle these organizations that are victimizing our communities, and proactively educate our residents on theft prevention and consumer protection measures.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Yours Sincerely,



Ron Chatha
Chair
Peel Police Services Board



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