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Dear Ms. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter regarding Ontario's police record check process.

As you know, the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* (PRCRA), sets the province's first-ever consistent and comprehensive set of standards to govern how record checks are requested, conducted, and disclosed by:

- Standardizing three types of police record checks to be offered in Ontario: criminal record checks, criminal record and judicial matters checks, and vulnerable sector checks,
- Limiting and standardizing the types of information that can be released for each type of police record check, and
- Ensuring that individuals have the opportunity to review the results of their police record check before they make the decision to consent to the release of those results to a third party, such as a potential employer.

Proclamation of the legislation remains a government priority, and was included in Premier Wynne's mandate letter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, which can be found at <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/september-2016-mandate-letter-community-safety-and-correctional-services">www.ontario.ca/page/september-2016-mandate-letter-community-safety-and-correctional-services</a>.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is developing regulations to support the new legislation. Our next step will be to consult on the proposed regulations through the Regulatory Registry process, which will provide stakeholders and the public with the opportunity to provide their input and feedback.

In the meantime, the ministry has obtained preliminary information related to fees and timelines for police record checks. Once the PRCRA is proclaimed, we will survey police services across the province to gather more detailed information on current key issues and drivers related to fees and timelines, to inform next steps.

We value and appreciate the continued feedback you have provided in relation to police record checks, and look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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