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Dear Mr. Taiani

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your concerns about the issue of police street checks in Halifax Regional Municipality and the province of Nova Scotia. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf. We have reviewed Dr. Scot Wortley's report and attended the release of his report on March 27, 2019. We agree with you that the status quo is not an option.

In the report, Dr. Wortley makes 53 recommendations. We are committed to action and change specific to strict regulation in these areas and ensuring that this action and change is well informed by the African Nova Scotian perspective.

The Minister has issued two directives to police across the province. The most recent directive puts a moratorium on street checks of pedestrians and passengers in motor vehicles. This builds on a previous directive to Chiefs of Police, Managers, and Supervisors to ensure officers cease the use of quotas for street checks; ceases the use of street checks as a performance measurement tool; and reviews the Wortley report.

Thank you again for contacting the Department of Justice to express your concerns on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Valerie Pottie Bunge

c: Mr. Robert Wright