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Chairman
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Dear

As you know, the Report of the Nova Scotia Advisory Group on Race Relations recommended that all police departments establish a Police Liaison Committee, composed of senior officials of the police department, representatives of the community and police unions.

I am pleased that this recommendation has been adopted by some municipal police departments. It is obviously critical that police agencies be sensitive to the needs of all members of the communities they serve. The establishment of liaison committees which include representatives of visible minority groups can significantly strengthen the partnerships between the police and the community.

I am requesting, through the Boards of Police Commissioners, that each municipal police force establish a Police Liaison Committee, reporting to the Chief of Police, with membership representative of the racial/ethnic mix of the community. These committees should serve as a forum for community input to policing policy, and as a vehicle for resolving police/community concerns. I wish to assure you that staff of my Department are willing to provide any assistance which you may require in establishing these committees.

Yours truly,

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