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Natalie Borden, Chair
Halifax Board of Police Commissioners
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Dear Ms. Borden,

I am writing to you as a follow-up to an October 2019 meeting between the Department of Justice and the African Nova Scotian Decade for People of African Descent (ANS-DPAD) Coalition. During the meeting, members of ANS-DPAD identified a number of items to which we have committed to providing a response. In order to provide an accurate response and status update to ANS-DPAD, we require your input regarding an item raised concerning the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners.

ANS-DPAD expressed a concern that the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners' meeting format does not provide a forum for members of the public to bring issues forward. One suggestion they have for improving this process is to afford members of the public the opportunity to sign up prior to the meeting and be given time at the meeting to bring issues forward and make comments. ANS-DPAD asked that the Province advise the Board that they have brought this issue forward. Please advise if this is a request the Board may consider.

You may respond directly to me and I would be pleased to share your response with ANS-DPAD's Program Coordinator and copy you.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Karen Hudson, QC
Deputy Minister

C: Bill Trask, Executive Director, Policy and Information Management / Executive Lead – Street Checks
Wanda Fletcher, Director, Public Safety and Security