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The Honourable Ross Landry  
Minister of Justice  
PO Box 7  
Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

Dear Minister Landry:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in response to your remarks to set up an independent investigative unit to examine alleged police misconduct.

The UNSM supports such a model that will promote greater independence, accountability and transparency when investigating police actions.

It is our understanding that this new unit will cost approximately \$800,000 annually to operate. The UNSM is concerned that the Province will download these costs onto municipalities.

While we would hope that the Province would fully fund the annual cost of this new unit, should any costs be borne by municipalities, we would anticipate at a minimum a one-year notice letter as required under the Municipal Government Act.

If you could respond to this important matter at your earliest convenience it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Councillor Clarence Prince**  
**UNSM President**

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