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Dear Attorney General Mulroney and Minister Jones,

Please be advised that my office represents OPP Commissioner Blair in his capacity as Commissioner and in his personal capacity in respect of the attached request for review to the Ontario Ombudsman.

In the circumstances, in order to ensure an orderly and appropriate review of this matter we are urging you to delay the December 17, 2018, installation of Superintendent Taverner as OPP Commissioner. Given the current cloud of perceived bias and inappropriate political interference in the process, it cannot be in anyone's interest to place Superintendent Taverner in the position as it would only serve to undermine command and diminish the public confidence in the OPP.

Of course, we understand that Cabinet may choose to install an interim commissioner other than Commissioner Blair until the conclusion of the review. Commissioner Blair would work to ensure a smooth transition to the interim commissioner during the review process.



Yours very truly,



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