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Rhonda Blackmore, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Rhonda Blackmore:

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to addressing crime and building and protecting safe communities for all citizens in the province.

The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to work with you to help address the gaps in recruiting and retaining RCMP officers in Saskatchewan. We are committing to your recruiting efforts by authorizing funding for newly hired regular member police officers in Saskatchewan. As more regular member police officers are recruited and hired in “F” Division, up to the authorized annex of the provincial police service, our province will fund them.

Our government remains firmly committed to prioritizing placements within the uniformed front-line roles of “F” Division. We would like to see a strong push towards filling our provincially sponsored specialty team fenced positions, and I would also like to express my strong support for F Division’s efforts to recruit indigenous people into their ranks in Saskatchewan.

I am confident that the RCMP “F” Division's staffing efforts and our related funding commitments will ensure vacancies are filled throughout Saskatchewan. As more regular members are recruited and hired in “F” Division, up to the authorized annex, I want to assure you that our government will fund them.

The following table, provided by you, outlines our government’s financial commitment to the authorized regular member annex of RCMP “F” Division.

Number of regular member police officers added	Estimated Cost (at 70%)
50	\$7,750,000
100	\$15,500,000
150	\$23,250,000
180	\$27,900,000

The estimated costs above are reflective of current salary costs and do not include future negotiated salary increases, inflation on goods and services, or start-up costs.

By way of this letter, I want to ensure our government's continued financial commitment under the Provincial Police Services Agreement results in recruiting, staffing, and retention.

Thank you for being a committed partner dedicated to public safety in Saskatchewan. I look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,



Donna Harpauer
Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance

cc: The Honourable Dominic Leblanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions
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