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Dear Reeve Shepherd and Lacombe County Council,

I am writing to you today, with a proposal to join our Call to Action to the Government of Alberta to halt the idea of a new provincial police service and to invest the proposed new monies into underfunded critical services within Alberta. This injection of funding would have a larger and more immediate impact within our communities to improve community safety and the health and well-being of all Albertans.

As you are aware, the Government of Alberta is reviewing the possibility of transitioning away from the RCMP to a new Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). Last year, they released a [Transition Study](#), which outlined potential exorbitant costs, including \$366 million in one-time transition costs over six-years and \$139 million in additional policing costs annually, increasing with inflation. With that said, over just a six-year period costs would total over \$1.2 billion.

Through polling that the NPF has conducted over the past year, it is clear that Albertans feel the same with. An overwhelming 84% of Albertans support retaining the RCMP and believe the Government of Alberta should instead focus on addressing the root causes of crime and improving social services.

As the Government of Alberta continues to consult and push the idea of a new and expensive police service forward, now is the time for all impacted stakeholders to come together to tell the government that the proposed money would be better invested into critical services to address under resourcing, staffing shortages, and the lack of social support programs.

Attached to this email is a draft of the Call to Action to the government for your review.

Our goal is to have stakeholders sign on and to release publicly at the end of April in a joint effort.

If you are interested in signing onto the Call to Action, please reply to this email and include your logo for use which will be added to the Call to Action, before April 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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