



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

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The Honourable Sean Fraser
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
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Via email: sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Fraser,

Subject: Support for Prince George Public Safety Petition and Bail Reform to Address Chronic Property Offending

On behalf of the Council of the City of Campbell River, I am writing to express our support for the Public Safety Petition led by the City of Prince George calling for federal action to address the growing challenge of repeat offenders in communities across British Columbia and Canada.

Local governments are increasingly witnessing a pattern in which a relatively small number of individuals commit repeated non-violent crimes while subject to existing court orders, probation, or release conditions. Police officers and community members report that some offenders are arrested multiple times within short periods yet are often quickly released under the current bail framework. This cycle undermines public confidence in the justice system and places strain on policing resources, local businesses, and local governments who hear most directly from citizens on issues of community safety.

We fully recognize that Canada's bail regime must comply with the protections contained in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including the right not to be denied reasonable bail without just cause. However, municipalities are increasingly concerned that the current framework does not adequately address situations involving chronic and persistent offending, particularly where individuals repeatedly breach court orders or reoffend while already on release. In recent years, crimes committed by repeat violent offenders have demanded significant public attention and specialized provincial funding and programs have been established to reduce harm and victimization; however, repeat non-violent offenders, especially those who commit property crimes, do significant economic harm and

damage to small businesses with, in some cases, tens of thousands of dollars in losses from broken windows and doors, and needed investment in security and target hardening measures.

We appreciate the leadership shown by the City of Prince George in bringing attention to this issue through the Public Safety Petition (e-7063) filed with the House of Commons and encourage the federal government to work collaboratively with provinces, municipalities, and justice system partners to examine practical and constitutionally sound solutions within the current legislative process for Bill C-14.

We echo the points raised by Prince George and support the measures recommended in the petition especially targeted reverse onus provisions for individuals with multiple recent convictions or charges for similar property offences committed while on release or under court-ordered conditions; and expanded bail supervision options that support compliance while protecting community safety.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Dahl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kermit Dahl
Mayor, City of Campbell River

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