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Nicholas Simons, MLA
Powell River-Sunshine Coast
Chair, Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act
c/o Parliamentary Committees Office
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
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Dear Mr. Simons,

RE: Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act
Police Victim Services of British Columbia

The purpose of this letter is to formally advise you and your colleague Special Committee Members of the intent of the Police Victim Services of British Columbia Society (PVSBC) to formally participate in the process of Reforming the Police Act of British Columbia through the Committee's examination, inquire into and subsequently making recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

PVSBC, created in 1984, is the BC registered not for profit charity membership-based organization mandated to represent the interests of 92+ police-based victim service (pbvs) organizations including the women and men who are the governors, executive, employees and volunteers, within the Province of BC. Our Vision is to ensure all victims of crime and trauma across BC receive compassionate, professional, and consistent services.

Our Mission is to equip, empower and advocate for all police-based victim services programs that provide consistent, professional services and resources throughout BC. Our leadership roles include advocating, representing and communicating with members, partners, stakeholders, governments and members of the public on the development and delivery of professional pbvs trauma informed programs, baseline and advanced training, professional development and member support programs, and associated key strategic issues.

In our preliminary review of the Special Committee's Terms of Reference, PVSBC is prepared to actively participate in and to add value to the work of the Committee , including the provision of subject matter expertise related to pbvs, through submissions, presentations and if warranted, sub-committee involvement.



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PVSBC has communicated our interest participating in the review process with Minister Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. The Minister has stated he supports our participation on behalf of the police-based victim services sector.

Please feel free to contact our Executive Director for further information and to provide direction on how PVSBC can best participate in work of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, as follows:

Ian P. Batey, Executive Director

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We look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours Truly,

Karyn French
Board President

cc. Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, Members
PVSBC Board of Directors
Ian P. Batey, Executive Director