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## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER: COMMUNITY SAFETY



Dear Neighbour,

Our federal government was elected to Build Canada Strong, and that means **building strong, safe communities**. Midtown Toronto is one of the best and safest places in the world to make a home and raise a family. At the same time, we've been working to tackle some of the crimes we've seen in our community, including organized auto-theft, home invasions, and hate crimes.

**Even a single violent crime in our community is one too many.** Our government is taking decisive action to ensure the justice system prioritizes public safety and protects Canadians' Charter rights. In my last letter I discussed the *Combatting Hate Act*, but our plans don't end there. Read on for details.

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## Bill C-14: The Bail and Sentencing Reform Act

Too many violent crimes are being committed by individuals already out on bail for past offences. **This trend needs to end.** That's why our government has brought forward **Bill C-14**, with **80 targeted amendments to the Criminal Code to strengthen bail laws and create tougher sentencing for repeat and violent offenders.**

*"The Bail and Sentencing Reform Act marks a pivotal step toward building safer communities across Ontario"*

Police Association of Ontario

## Taking Action

- **Bill C-14** would **toughen sentencing laws for repeat and violent crime**, meaning longer sentences for those found guilty, and require **consecutive sentences for violent auto theft and break and enter**
- **Bill C-14** would require courts to consider if allegations involved **random or unprovoked violence**, and to factor in the **number and seriousness of any outstanding charges**, when granting bail
- **Bill C-14** would create new **reverse onuses**, meaning **the starting point is detention**, and the **accused would have to prove why they should be released**



**1,000 New RCMP  
Personnel in Budget 2025**

## Stepping Up Against Auto Theft

Over the past few years, organized auto theft rings have operated sophisticated networks, stealing thousands of cars across the GTA. Not only does this result in higher insurance premiums for everyone but it places families in danger if thieves break in to steal car keys.

Here's how we're helping police put a stop to this:

- Tougher sentences and limited bail for thieves
- 1,000 new RCMP and 1,000 new CBSA officers to help catch criminals and intercept cars
- New security technology at our ports and borders

Federal law enforcement efforts have already made progress. In December 2025, an RCMP sting in Peel Region recovered **306 stolen vehicles**. A report by the *Équité Association* found that thefts were down **25.9%** year-over-year in Ontario, continuing a downward trend from the 2023 peak.

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## Online Safety and Children's Mental Health

The online world is changing fast, and bad actors are always finding new ways to cause harm.

We are taking swift action, including:

- Developing a new **National Anti-Fraud Strategy** to combat financial scams and economic abuse
- Criminalizing AI-generated, non-consensual sexual deepfakes through **Bill C-16, *The Protecting Victims Act***
- Creating a new offence for recruiting a person under 18 to participate in a criminal activity



*In December I toured SickKids hospital for a conversation on children's health policy challenges. Their number one concern is the impact of social media.*