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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

Canada's new government was elected with a mandate for change—so kids and families can feel safe and secure in our communities.

I'm pleased to share some encouraging news! According to York Region Police, crime rates are falling throughout our communities, including here in Markham-Thornhill. As of **June 25, 2025**, this collective achievement, supported by the dedicated work of law enforcement professionals, shows that:

- Homicides have decreased by 67 per cent, from nine incidents at this time last year to three in 2025
- Auto theft has dropped by 37 per cent, from 1,722 incidents to 1,080
- Carjackings have decreased by 49 per cent, from 41 incidents to 21
- Criminal hate incidents have decreased by 25 per cent, from 150 to 112

And while there is still more work to do, these results demonstrate real progress. Our government will continue working to make Markham-Thornhill an even safer place to call home.

Sincerely,

My team is here to help! Please reach out if you need help accessing federal programs or information.

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CRACKING DOWN ON ORGANIZED CRIME

Auto thefts are declining across Canada, but there's still more work to do.

We're introducing new measures to crack down on auto thefts and the organized crime organizations behind them:

- Tougher criminal penalties and bail restrictions for those charged with car theft
- Hiring 1,000 new CBSA officers and 1,000 new RCMP personnel to secure our borders
- Investing in border scanners, drones, and K-9 teams to intercept more stolen vehicles before they leave the country

Public Safety remains a top priority as we:

- Provide law enforcement with the tools they need
- Hold those who commit crimes accountable
- Work with our provincial and territorial counterparts to ensure the entire justice system is working to keep our communities safe

NO PLACE FOR HATE

The rise in hate online and in our communities demands action.

Canada's new government is committed to building a safer, more inclusive country, where everyone can feel secure regardless of how or where they worship. We are:

- Increasing the budget of the Canada Community Security Program to protect vulnerable communities and places of worship
- Creating new criminal offences for those who block access to places of worship and intimidate those who attend them
- Ensuring Pride festivals have the security apparatus in place to keep everyone safe



STRONG BORDERS

Canadians voted for change to protect our borders and keep our communities safe.

The *Strong Borders Act* is a key part of our new government's plan to do just that. We are committed to building a safer more secure Canada by strengthening laws and providing law enforcement with the tools they need. We are keeping Canadians safe by:

- Securing the border
- Combatting organized crime
- Stopping the flow of illegal fentanyl
- Cracking down on money laundering

SAFER STREETS

Canadian law enforcement needs to be responsive to the emerging needs of our communities. To deliver the change that will keep kids and families in Markham-Thornhill safe, Canada's new government is:



Making bail harder to get for repeat offenders charged with car theft, home invasions, human trafficking, extortion, and drug smuggling.



Banning the ever-changing list of precursor chemicals used in fentanyl production, faster.



Giving police new powers to search through suspicious mail – a key way fentanyl and its precursor chemicals are smuggled into Canada.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Canada's new government is committed to **keeping our kids safe** with stronger measures – online and in our communities. We are introducing legislation to protect children from harm by combatting threats like online sexploitation and extortion.

And we are cracking down on child-luring by raising the maximum sentence, as well as extending funding for federal programs that help prevent at-risk youth from getting involved in criminal activity.

