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Dr. Dhalla Calls on Conservatives to fulfill their Promise to increase the number of Police Officers

Ottawa- Dr. Dhalla joins the Canadian Police Association (CPA) in calling on the Conservative Government to keep their 2006 election promise to place 2,500 more police officers on the streets of our communities.

Last week, Dr. Dhalla met with members of Peel Police and CPA who were frustrated with the Conservatives who have compromised community safety by refusing to fulfill their election promise to hire more frontline officers.

“Clearly this government does not have the interests of Canadians and their safety at heart. Crime is a growing concern for residents in my riding and for cities across Canada, we must ensure that local police have the resources they need to ensure our community remains safe” said Dr. Dhalla.

Last year, Peel Region experienced its most violent year ever, including the high profile deaths of seven teenagers which were killed in 2008. Recently, more than 150 front line police personal from the CPA including members from Peel Police, visited Parliament Hill to seek government support on a number of initiatives including a review of the public safety occupations compensation benefit, the need of an independent association for the RCMP and most importantly, a call upon Prime Minister Harper to fulfill his promise to negotiate with provinces to put 2,500 police officers on the streets.

“Prime Minister Harper has betrayed Canadians by breaking their promise to provide sustainable, long-term funding to front-line policing. When will this government realize Canadians want results, not broken promises?”

Recently, Dr. Dhalla held a Youth Forum in conjunction with the Brampton-Springdale Youth Advisory Council to open a dialogue between Peel Police and the community to address the issue of violence in the Brampton community. Dr. Dhalla joins Peel Police, Brampton stakeholders and residents in calling on the Prime Minister to fulfil its promise to invest in more police officers to keep out streets safe.

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