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Dear Derrick Thomson and Kim Wingrove:

Thank you for completing the community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan for the Counties of Bruce and Grey.

The [*Community Safety & Well-Being Planning: The Municipalities of Bruce and Grey*](#) demonstrates leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your community. I would like to commend the joint efforts of all municipalities in the counties, including Owen Sound, Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Grey Highlands, Kincardine, Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce, West Grey, Hanover, Saugeen Shores, The Blue Mountains, South Bruce Peninsula, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Huron-Kinloss, Southgate and your multi-sectoral partners for your collaborative efforts on the development of a comprehensive plan that will target local priority risks such as crime prevention, poverty and income, and mental health through the implementation of your identified programs and strategies. When we work together, we can truly build safer and healthier communities.

The positive impacts of CSWB planning are clear. Through this collaborative planning process, communities can ensure better coordination between police services and community partners. Your CSWB plan will allow for appropriate crisis response and proactive programs that address local risks and improve the social determinants of health. This type of planning can also lead to improvements in service delivery across multiple sectors, benefitting everyone in the community.

By engaging in this holistic approach to CSWB planning, communities can ensure those in need receive the correct response by the appropriate service provider in a timely manner. This is an important step in alleviating the long-term reliance on the criminal justice system, emergency services, the financial burden of crime on society and will support long-term community safety and well-being

Throughout the implementation of your CSWB plan, it will be essential to measure outcomes on an ongoing basis in order to determine progress on addressing local priority risks. Over time, priorities may change as improvements are made to reduce identified risks in the community. Therefore, it will be important to regularly monitor and update your CSWB plan to ensure that the plan continues to be reflective of the needs of the community.

As we move forward with CSWB planning in Ontario, I want to thank you for your continued support and ongoing efforts in helping to build safer and stronger communities in Ontario. This is something that I am very proud of, and I am very optimistic about our future.

Sincerely,



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