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The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario

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Ms. Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP

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Dear Minister Kerzner and MPP Thompson,

Re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs – Request for Billing Model Reform

On behalf of Council of the Municipality of Brockton, I am writing to express our growing concern regarding the current billing model for court security and prisoner transportation (CSPT) costs in Ontario. Specifically, the model disproportionately burdens municipalities that host courthouses—such as ours—with costs that serve the broader region.

For 2025, the Municipality of Brockton has been allocated CSPT costs totaling **\$366,768** after grant funding has been applied. While we understand the necessity of providing these essential services, the financial weight of this allocation is simply unsustainable for a community of our size. This burden threatens our ability to maintain core municipal infrastructure and deliver critical local services.

The current model does not adequately recognize the shared regional nature of court services. Residents from across multiple lower-tier municipalities access the courthouse and benefit from the security and transportation services provided—yet the hosting municipality is left to absorb a disproportionate share of the costs.

We respectfully request that the Province of Ontario review and revise the billing structure for CSPT to ensure a more equitable and sustainable funding model—one that either allocates costs regionally based on usage or provides greater direct provincial funding support for host municipalities.

The Municipality of Brockton remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province and our municipal partners to find a solution. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and offer our support in any provincial initiatives aimed at reforming this funding model.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your continued support of municipalities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

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