



September 18, 2025

The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The Hon. Sean Fraser  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree  
Minister of Public Safety  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Respected Ministers,

Western Canadian associations representing municipalities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia held our annual meeting at the end of August. On behalf of our collective associations, we are writing to jointly express our deep concern regarding public safety challenges that continue to impact over 1,300 municipalities across western Canada. Municipal leaders are on the front lines of these challenges, and we hear daily from residents who are increasingly frustrated by repeat and violent offenders being released back into our communities without appropriate accountability.

We acknowledge and appreciate your government's commitment to act decisively to strengthen the Criminal Code and move aggressively to protect victims. Your stated intention to make bail laws stricter for violent and organized crime, home invasion, car theft, and human trafficking is an important and welcome step. Such provisions are urgently needed.

At the same time, our communities continue to struggle with the effects of repeat offenders involved in all types of criminal activity — including property crimes, retail theft, break-ins, and other offences that undermine community safety. Recidivism erodes the public perception of safety, frustrates law enforcement officials, and places substantial strain on courts. Our correctional system requires a thorough review to ensure it is adequately resourced and equipped to deliver meaningful outcomes. This must include increasing the capacity of Crown prosecutors and ensuring that case hearings are dealt with promptly to prevent court backlogs, alongside greater investments in mental health, addictions, and homelessness—so individuals can access timely supports before potentially reoffending. While we recognize these are inter-jurisdictional issues requiring significant cooperation with provinces and territories, the Government of Canada should be prepared to provide additional dedicated funding to advance these critical efforts.

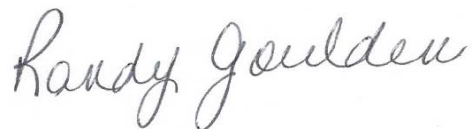
We also understand your government has signalled the introduction of new legislation this coming fall. We urge you to ensure that proposed reforms extend beyond violent and organized crime to include stronger accountability measures as well as genuine, root-cause solutions to reduce recidivism across all types of crime. These changes are critical to restoring public confidence in the justice system and ensuring safer communities in western Canada and across the country.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to share the perspective of western Canadian municipalities and to work together on meaningful, lasting reforms that put community safety first.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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President Kathy Valentino  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)

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President Randy Goulden  
Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA)

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President Bill Huber  
Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)

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President Tyler Gandam  
Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Westerlund". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

President Kara Westerlund  
Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

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President Trish Mandewo  
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

cc: Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Manitoba)  
Hon. Tim McLeod, Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Saskatchewan)  
Hon. Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice (Alberta)  
Hon. Nina Krieger, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General (British Columbia)  
FCM President Rebecca Bligh