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Dear Mayor Dilkens:

Thank you for completing the community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan for the City of Windsor and the County of Essex.

The [Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: 2022-2026](#) demonstrates leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your community. To this end, I would like to commend the joint efforts of all municipalities, including Windsor, Amherstburg, Essex, LaSalle, Lakeshore, Leamington, Kingsville, Tecumseh, and your multi-sectoral partners for your collaborative efforts on the development of a comprehensive plan that will target local priority risks such as good governance and data, engaged and safe communities, mental health, and substance use supports through the implementation of your identified programs and strategies. As you know, it is by working together that we can truly make our communities safer and healthier.

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 such as education, housing, and mental services. This type of planning can also lead to improvements in service delivery across multiple sectors, benefitting everyone in the community.

Further, by engaging in this holistic approach to CSWB planning, communities can ensure that those in need receive the correct response by the appropriate service provider in a timely manner. In so doing, this will alleviate 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, stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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