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Dear Mr. Fakirani,

I am writing to respectfully request your support and sponsorship for the 2026 Ontario Police Suicide Memorial Weekend, an event dedicated to honoring the lives of officers lost to suicide and raising awareness about the importance of mental health within law enforcement.

In the past year alone, your service has endured the heartbreaking loss of three officers to suicide. These tragedies underscore the urgent need to provide stronger support systems, reduce stigma, and ensure that officers and their families know they are not alone. This cause is deeply personal to me. I have experienced the devastating loss of my husband, an officer, to suicide. I know all too well about the pre- and post-traumas that affect the families of the fallen, and I am committed to ensuring that others receive the support and compassion they need during such difficult times.

Your sponsorship would directly help us cover the costs of:

- A meet and greet evening to foster connections among the families in a supportive environment
- Care packages for participants, offering comfort and resources for ongoing support
- A facilitated group session led by trained professionals to encourage open conversation and healing
- A group dinner to bring families together in solidarity

This memorial weekend is not only a time to remember and pay tribute to those we have lost, but also an opportunity to foster dialogue, provide resources, and strengthen resilience within the policing community.

Reducing stigma around mental health is critical. Too often, officers suffer in silence, fearing judgment or professional consequences if they reach out for help. By creating safe spaces for open conversation, offering resources, and showing visible leadership support, we can begin to break down those barriers.

We believe that with the leadership and support of the Ottawa Police Service Board, this event can have a meaningful impact on both remembrance and prevention. We are deeply grateful

for your commitment to honoring the memory of our fallen heroes and supporting their families. Together, we can ensure that the sacrifices of our officers are never forgotten, and that current and future members of the service have the support they need.

In closing, I would like to challenge the Ottawa Police Service Board, the Association, and the Chief to match each other's generosity and donation. To have the support of all three branches of the Ottawa Police Service would be an immense show of support for this cause.

Thank you for considering this request.

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