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Ms. Mafalda Avellino
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Dear Ms. Avellino:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the Big 12 Police Services Boards, regarding Ontario Regulation 58/16, Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances – Prohibition and Duties, made under the *Police Services Act*.

The Ontario government believes that respectful, rights-based interactions between police and members of the public are a foundational part of effective community policing. As you know, the regulation sets out clear and consistent rules for a range of voluntary police/public interactions. It is premised on facilitating interactions that are conducted without bias or discrimination, and in a manner that promotes public confidence and strengthens accountability. The ministry has determined that the most appropriate approach for providing guidance to police services boards is to assist them in their role of developing policies respecting this regulation.

In relation to the regulation's requirements with respect to the creation of new policies by police services boards, the ministry understands that some additional guidance may be of assistance. To that end, the ministry is in the process of preparing an All Chiefs/Chairs of Police Services Boards Memorandum that will outline some of the specific considerations boards may wish to take into account when developing their policies. Recognizing the timeframes on this issue, the ministry will be undertaking this work expeditiously.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Torigian".

Matthew Torigian
Deputy Minister
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