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The Honourable Minister Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
Queen's Park, 77 Wellesley Street West
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister Del Duca:

**Re: Proposed Changes to the Highway Traffic Act
Colour Coating Obscure Interior Driver Window**

I am writing further to correspondence forwarded to you by Councillor Eli El-Chantiry, Chair, Ottawa Police Services Board, dated March 27, 2016 with respect to the above noted.

In his letter, he requested amendments to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) to allow for the use of photometric meters by police, and drivers who record a tint reading of 70% or less of light being translated through the vehicle window be subject to a fine under the HTA, with an exemption for emergency services and police vehicles.

Chair El-Chantiry's correspondence was shared with the members of the Niagara Police Services Board at their April 21, 2016 meeting. As a result of the Board's discussion, I have been authorized to write to you offering our full support of the resolution passed by the Ottawa Police Services Board regarding the proposed changes to the HTA and the allowance of the use of photometric meters by the police.

We look forward to the Ministry's consideration of these legislative changes which will provide police with the additional tools necessary to deal with this important safety issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Gale
Board Chair

- c. Vice-Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
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