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Mr. Richard Bent
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Dear Mr. Bent,

I am pleased to support the 7th International Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference to be held July 13th to July 16th, 2025, in Ottawa, Canada. The conference is being organized jointly by the University of Ottawa, Health Law, Policy and Ethics and the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association.

It is very clear a myriad of issues intersects law enforcement and public health, and therefore it is critically important that there be holistic approaches to addressing these issues. A collaborative law enforcement and public health agenda advocates for a public health approach to policing, focused on the broader objective common to both sectors of optimal community safety and well-being. This conference brings together police, public health practitioners, government officials, academics, affected communities and others interested in cross sectoral approaches to complex issues, to jointly explore partnership and public health approaches, share experiences and review current research.

The aim of the conference is to further research to develop and evaluate initiatives, to inform governments to support development of public policy, and, generally to highlight the broad spectrum of social issues affecting the well-being of global, national and local communities.

The overarching theme of the conference is: Towards a Healthier and More Equitable State. This theme builds on the themes of the previous international conferences which focused on collaboration between law enforcement and public health. Some of the major themes of the conference are: law enforcement and mental health, violence prevention, the police role in pandemic response, the role of public prosecutors in public health, trauma-informed practice, and prevention of road trauma – among many others.

Countries globally are facing the same issues; there is more in common than there are differences. Collaborative efforts of the law enforcement and public health sectors are required to not only improve responses to these issues but address the underlying social issues in order to have effective change. Much is being done, however, and there is much more experiences worth sharing - so that much more can and should be done.

I encourage anyone interested in these important issues to consider participating in the conference.

LEPH2025 website: <https://www.leph2025ottawa.com/>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bev Busson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bev" and last name "Busson" clearly distinguishable.

The Honorable Bev Busson
Senator