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To Council
August 16, 2010

Dear Minister Day:

RE: RCMP Policing Costs

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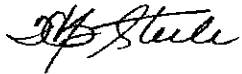
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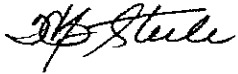
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