

Dear Hollabck Team,

I think you for your note it is much appreciated and apologize for the delay in responding, I am not getting very much time at my computer these days.

My time on the Board of Directors of Victim's Assistance Services of Ottawa Carleton (as it was then known), my time at Public Safety and my time in the Mayor's Office has made me keenly aware of the frequency of gender and orientation based violence in Ottawa.

While it has generally never been safer to live in Ottawa, there are areas like assaults on vulnerable populations that continue to be a significant issue.

I am not prepared to commit directly to your specific recommendations as I have not done any reasonable due diligence to understand the costs and existing programming in this area. That being said I am a strong believer in targeted response to criminal activity like the initiatives that you are proposing.

Like you I believe that we should face problems head on in a directly targeted fashion, and not only using law enforcement but social levers as well.

I congratulate you on your work and look forward to working with you in the future.

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