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Dear Mr. Buschman:

1. How does your party plan to contribute to strengthening the RCMP for the future?

The Saskatchewan Party is fully committed to strengthening the RCMP. This year, the Saskatchewan Party government provided RCMP “F” Division with \$228 million and have committed an additional \$28 million for officer recruitment. If RCMP “F” Division expands its front-line policing in Saskatchewan, a re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will provide immediate funding.

The Saskatchewan Party government has launched specialized teams such as the Crime Reduction Teams (CRT), Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT), Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team (WEST), Police and Crisis Teams (PACT), and Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Teams, working closely with the RCMP to protect communities. The Saskatchewan Party government is pushing the federal government to renew the RCMP contract in 2032 and ensure the future of the Depot training facility in Regina. With continued efforts from our party, we engaged with the federal minister, and they committed to keeping Depot in Regina, securing top-tier RCMP training for future generations.

2. How would your party ensure that the public, municipalities, and public safety organizations are properly consulted and included in decision-making about public safety?

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government commitment to public safety decision-making involves regular consultations with a wide range of stakeholders. The Saskatchewan Party government meet frequently with the Assistant Commissioner Blackmore of RCMP “F”

Division, Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, SARM, SUMA, First Nations, mayors, councillors, and public safety organizations to ensure that diverse voices are heard.

A Saskatchewan Party government will travel to remote detachments across the province to better understand the needs faced by our front-line officers in those communities. By prioritizing ongoing dialogue and collaboration, we aim to create inclusive public safety initiatives that benefit all residents of Saskatchewan, ensuring that no area is overlooked in our efforts to enhance community safety.

3. Apart from the RCMP, what are your party's top investment priorities to improve public safety in Saskatchewan?

The Saskatchewan Party government is currently investing \$23 million for municipal police positions and \$12 million for 100 new front-line officers. The First Nations Community Safety Officer Pilot Program is being expanded with \$1.06 million, while \$400,000 is allocated for alternative response officers in Regina and Saskatoon. A \$197,000 investment will fund a narcotics-focused K9 Unit for the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol.

The Saskatchewan Party government is also developing the Saskatchewan Marshals Service (SMS) to address gaps in police services and increase public safety. The SMS will have province-wide authority but won't replace existing police jurisdictions. Instead, the SMS will complement the RCMP and be a deployable police force to communities around the province with policing gaps.

4. Is there anything else you would like Saskatchewan voters to know about your plan for improving public safety in Saskatchewan?

The Saskatchewan Party government is committing over \$17 million to initiatives that combine law enforcement with vital social supports. This commitment includes funding for about 100 new municipal police officers, doubling Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) officers to 28, and strengthening police training at the Saskatchewan Police College. The goal is to enhance all policing agencies including RCMP, Municipal, First Nations, and the SMS.

The Saskatchewan Party government is committed to providing more officers, more funding, and ultimately aiming to reduce crime throughout the province. We're also expanding Complex Needs Emergency Shelters in Saskatoon and Regina, providing



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medically supported, secure spaces for individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others, often due to intoxication. Our strategy emphasizes both immediate safety and long-term support, addressing the root causes of crime through mental health, addiction services, and community-based programs.

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