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Mr. David Forster  
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Dear Mr. Forster:

It is my pleasure to highlight Crime Stoppers Month 2021.

Crime Stoppers is well equipped to help solve crimes and plays an important role in crime prevention. With its ties to the community, connections to local media and presence on social media, Crime Stoppers is an important community organization that bridges the gap between the public and Canada's law enforcement agencies.

I note that the theme for Crime Stoppers Month 2021 is "Helping All Communities Stay Safe." In order to improve the safety and security of Canada's railway system and infrastructure, Crime Stoppers has partnered with Transport Canada to discourage railway tampering. Together, we launched a new awareness campaign in September 2020 as part of Rail Safety Week. Crime Stoppers offers a way to help identify, investigate and charge suspects guilty of these crimes. I support this partnership and am optimistic that the messages from both Crime Stoppers and Transport Canada will help to educate and shape behaviour and increase awareness regarding the serious dangers posed by tampering with Canada's railway system.

This latest partnership with Crime Stoppers builds on previous successful initiatives, namely, the initiative to promote aviation safety, which began in June 2018, to help reduce the number of dangerous attacks from hand-held lasers against all types of aircraft. I am confident that this latest initiative on rail security will help in our goal to ultimately reduce this criminal activity and help keep Canadians safe.

I wish Canada's Crime Stoppers volunteers continued success and thank them for their service to our communities. I look forward to continuing our collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

Arun Thangaraj

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