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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is on behalf of the citizens of Port Franks, where we boast 1600 full-time residents, consisting primarily of retired and semi-retired professionals relying on Tourism as our economic base. We have been proud of our "near-zero" crime rate, resulting from an active Community Police Committee and Neighbourhood Watch Program. We had a safe, secure, residential area with a great future!

In recent months tranquility was shattered by a few militant natives forcibly taking the Ipperwash Military Base. When their demands were not met - they held the Province of Ontario "Hostage" by seizing Ipperwash Provincial Park.

We have witnessed activities by a few militants fueled by a sympathetic media interested only in selling newspapers - and governments tying the hands of the Ontario Provincial Police and Armed Forces. Incidents such as; Burning a Provincial Highway, terrorizing local tax-paying residents, and seizure of properties belonging to individuals, the Province and the Country!

Many of the "Grassroots Proud Canadians" who live in this area felt that "Anarchy" was for other countries and could not take place in Canada - "The Greatest Country In The World"!

This delusion was quickly destroyed when we witnessed civil disobedience and vandalism. Since then the military base and the park have become sanctuaries for crime and nothing is being done about it. This has left area residents with a strong feeling of Fear and Insecurity. Property values have deflated at a dramatic rate, insurance is questionable and mortgages are difficult to obtain. It would also appear that Tourism is a thing of the past!

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With the onset of a new season the anxious feelings of residents will again become reality!

In Canada, we have Armed Forces engaged in Peace Keeping in many foreign countries around the world, and yet, under direction they are unable to keep peace within our own borders.

We are very concerned about the safety of our residents and our properties and it is hoped that your immediate attention will be given to this urgent matter as it is of utmost importance.

Yours truly,



On behalf of;



Port Franks, Ontario

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