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Ms Mary Lou LaPratte  
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Dear Ms LaPratte:

The Honourable Michael D. Harris, Premier of Ontario, has asked me to respond to your letter dated July 20, 1998, in which you express concern for your safety and that of other residents of Ipperwash.

I am assured by Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Commissioner Gwen M. Boniface that the OPP continues to enforce the law in Ipperwash, whether involving First Nation or non-First Nation residents. I am advised that the OPP responds to specific occurrences that take place and ensures the appropriate charges are laid against anyone found committing a crime. In your letter, you cite a number of occurrences which have taken place over the past several years. You may wish to raise your specific concerns about each particular occurrence with Staff Sergeant K. Bouwman, Commander, North Lambton OPP Detachment.

I appreciate being made aware of your comments and concerns.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Runciman, MPP  
Leeds-Grenville  
Solicitor General and  
Minister of Correctional Services

cc: The Honourable Michael D. Harris, Premier of Ontario