

MAYOR PATRICK BROWN

December 16, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree
Minister of Public Safety
269 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

Re: Urgent Federal Action to Address Extortion and Transnational Organized Crime in the Region of Peel

Dear Prime Minister and Minister Anandasangaree,

I am writing to you further to a motion adopted by Brampton City Council concerning the escalating threat of extortion and transnational organized crime affecting the City of Brampton and the broader Region of Peel. A copy of this motion has been shared with your offices, as well as with the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Solicitor General, to underscore the seriousness and urgency of this matter.

Extortion driven by transnational criminal networks has increased at an alarming rate in Peel Region, with small businesses and vulnerable community members being disproportionately targeted through threats of violence, arson, and intimidation. The scale, sophistication, and cross-border nature of these crimes place them well beyond what municipal resources alone can sustainably address.

We acknowledge and commend the Government of Canada's recent actions in British Columbia, including dedicated federal funding for integrated enforcement teams targeting organized crime, as well as investments in victim support, outreach, and safety planning. These measures recognize that extortion and organized crime are national public safety issues requiring federal leadership, coordination, and resources.

Peel Region's extortion rates now meet or exceed those that justified federal intervention in British Columbia. As such, equitable treatment demands that federal support follow crime severity rather than geography. Without comparable federal investment, communities such as Brampton are left exposed to criminal networks that operate internationally, exploit digital platforms, and rely on intimidation to silence victims.

Following Deputy Mayor Harkirat Singh's motion, unanimously approved by our Council, we respectfully request that the Government of Canada take the following actions:

1. Extend dedicated extortion and organized-crime task-force funding to the Region of Peel, mirroring the federal funding and operational model established in British Columbia.
2. Provide targeted funding for victim support and community outreach, including culturally informed services, safety planning, and initiatives that encourage reporting and protect those who come forward.
3. Establish formal intelligence-sharing and coordination frameworks between federal, provincial, and municipal law enforcement agencies to enable the effective disruption of transnational criminal networks operating across borders and jurisdictions.

These actions would significantly strengthen public safety, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure a coordinated national response to a threat that is neither local nor isolated. Brampton and Peel Region stand ready to work collaboratively with the federal government and our provincial partners to implement solutions that reflect the seriousness of this challenge.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your leadership and continued partnership in keeping our communities safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Patrick Brown
City of Brampton

cc: Premier Ford, Minister Kerzner, Deputy Mayor Singh, Regional Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor,
Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar