**Dear Toronto Police Services Board,**

Thank you for the opportunity to have community input.

First, I’d like to thank the Toronto police for protecting Jewish schools, synagogues and community events. Their presence has been a deterrent against acts of vandalism, intimidation and violence. I applaud Chief Myron Demkiw for his very reassuring personal outreach to the Jewish community, (I witnessed one such visit).

Now, a few constructive points of input to the TPSB:

1. **Extremist Financing and Money Laundering**.

Toronto officers involved in intelligence and money laundering crime investigations, should focus on the financing of extremist groups involved in protests (and be given more resources to do so).

Samidoun, a group banned in Germany, appears to be active in Canada.

1. **Increased Videotaping of protests and the early laying of charges.**

Comprehensive videotaping of protests to provide evidence to lay charges, and for translation of Arabic that might contain hate content.

Identification of masked bad actors, during a protest, to lay charges.

1. **Underfunding and below threshold staffing of the police**

The Board should use moral suasion to get funding that has been withheld, released to bring police staffing up to threshold levels and higher. More police officers will reduce intimidation to both the public and the police and better contain protests with hate messages.

1. **Underutilization of 20 existing criminal code laws applicable to protests.**

I suggest a webinar for Toronto police to familiarize themselves with these laws and with hate speech slogans and symbols. A case study approach could help police to know when and how to apply these laws. An on-call lawyer representing the police should be available for immediate interpretation of laws during active situations.

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