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Local Governments in
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RE: City of Prince George requesting signatures in its petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I am writing to ask for your support in signing our petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada.

Prince George continues to advocate for stronger public safety measures, an issue currently affecting municipalities across the country. This petition offers all British Columbians a meaningful way to participate and demonstrate to the federal government the importance of a collective voice in working together to find solutions.

The petition calls upon the federal government to:

- Amend the Criminal Code of Canada to strengthen bail requirements for prolific and non-violent offenders to include provisions for repeat offences to lead to:
 - automatic detention,
 - release to be dependent on reverse onus, and/or
 - demonstration of the Principle of Respect for the Law
- Appoint more judges, crown prosecutors and paralegals to end court backlogs
- Provide funding and resources for Crown Counsel to increase capacity and decrease delays in preparing and bringing cases to court in a timely manner
- Provide funding and resources to provincial correctional centres and support services to increase capacity for detention of individuals, as well as providing rehabilitation and release planning services

We encourage you to share our petition within your communities.

The [petition](#) is available on the House of Commons website until March 27, 2026 at 12:25 p.m. PST.

Respectfully,

Simon Yu
Mayor
City of Prince George