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Dear Mr. Lane and Ms. Scott:

Re: Central AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Registry

On behalf of the Toronto Police Association's Board of Directors and the 8,000 uniform and civilian members we represent, we would like to offer our support for your Central AED Registry initiative.

Police service members throughout Ontario receive calls for service every day that involve people in medical distress or, even worse, Vital Signs Absent (VSA).

Although every one of those members are trained in CPR, the optimum piece of equipment to potentially save a person's life is an AED.

Currently, there are at least 20,000 unregistered AED's in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and, to our knowledge, there is no central registry for these AED's. That means when one of our members responds to a radio call for a person in medical distress, they are unaware that an AED could potentially be mere feet away.

A central AED registry would allow or dispatchers and police members to know in real time the proximity of the nearest AED. This could be life-saving information.

The Toronto Police Association fully supports your advocacy work as well as your initiative to compile a Central Registry for AED's.

We look forward to following the progress of this work.

Jon Reid
President, Toronto Police Association

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