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Mr. Boris Bytensky  
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Dear Mr. Bytensky:

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your contributions to Justice on Target (JOT) in North York.

None of us alone holds the answer to solving criminal court delay. Justice on Target is about coming together to the same table, and together, identifying challenges and opportunities to make the system better.

I realize that this commitment, which includes your insight and advice to the JOT Team and your participation at the Local Leadership Team discussions, adds to your already busy schedule.

Your input is critical to improving the service to the public, and critical to developing initiatives to address unnecessary appearances and time to disposition in North York. The reduction in the number of appearances, and time to disposition, will benefit all justice participants, and ultimately improve the criminal justice systems' service to the public.

We have made excellent progress. Your ongoing oversight will be critical as positive changes are implemented in North York – monitoring progress and discussions, and making adjustments needed to improve implementation. Continuing dialogue among local criminal justice participants is the key to sustaining these local initiatives and identifying new approaches that will make our criminal justice system better.

This longer term commitment to improving the criminal justice system reflects your dedication to sustaining and furthering the good work to date in North York.

Once again, please accept my personal thanks for your continued efforts and commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Bentley'.

Hon. Chris Bentley  
Attorney General