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Attention: Mr. Andre Marin, Ombudsman

Dear Mr. Marin:

MPP Toby Barrett suggested that citizens keep your office informed regarding the situation in Caledonia.

As a former member of the Canadian Forces and United Nations peacekeeping force, I went to Caledonia to defend the Rule of Law and Equality before the law through the use of peaceful protest. I was one of the three people who have been arrested so far in Caledonia for trying to raise a Canadian flag, and I have just submitted a complaint to the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCPS) regarding my arrest.

I understand that your office does not normally get involved in the investigation of such complaints, however I thought you might find the complaint and supporting evidence useful. Should you wish to discuss the information it would be my pleasure and my honour to speak with you or your staff.

Respectfully,



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P.S. You may be interested in our investigation into the OPP actions in Ipperwash. We released ‘The Ipperwash Papers’ at Queen’s Park on March 14/07. For more information, please visit www.IpperwashPapers.ca.