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Mr. Danny Wheeler
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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 2009, concerning forfeited offence-related property and proceeds of crime.

The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of targeting proceeds of crime to disrupt, dismantle and incapacitate organized criminal groups. Targeting proceeds of crime removes illicit profits and, in turn, enhances the overall fight against organized crime groups in Canada by removing their incentive to operate.

At the federal level, the Integrated Proceeds of Crime program, which is led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in cooperation with Justice Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, the Canada Revenue Agency, Public Works and Government Services Canada and provincial and local police, is a vital component of the Government's efforts to combat organized crime.

With respect to your concerns regarding the *Forfeited Property Sharing Regulations*, these regulations, and memoranda of understanding pursuant to these regulations, fall under the purview of the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney

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General of Canada, and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Public Works and Government Services. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence, and this reply, to them for their consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable Peter Van Loan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety

c.c.: The Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

The Honourable Christian Paradis, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Works and Government Services