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The Honourable John McKay, P.C., M.P.
Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
House of Commons
Ottawa (Ontario)
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Dear Mr. McKay,

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am pleased to respond to the 26th Report of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, entitled M-124, *Automated External Defibrillators*.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will consider the Committee's report in future purchasing of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the extent possible, including compatibility with those used by other emergency responders, adaptability to the realities of Canadian geography and climate, and overall cost optimization.

In consultation with the RCMP, provinces, territories and municipalities establish the level of resources, budget and policing priorities in their respective jurisdictions. It is through these consultations and decisions by the government of jurisdiction that the RCMP is allocated funding for the purchase of new equipment. The RCMP has implemented a limited program for use of AEDs, which is guided by the RCMP's National Occupational Safety Manual. The RCMP takes a number of factors into consideration when determining whether to purchase or roll out new police equipment.

The Government accepts the Standing Committee's consideration pertaining to the AEDs as stated in its October 17, 2018 report.

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On behalf of the Government, I would like to thank the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security for its report and for its diligent study of M-124 Automated External Defibrillators.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Goodale', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.
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