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"Progress Through Participation"

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Integrity

Dear Editor:

Accountability

The "Crime and Punishment" series demonstrates that Canada needs an approach to community safety that balances enhanced enforcement and social investment. No matter how robust, policing alone cannot solve the problem of crime in our communities. We also need to reduce poverty, provide affordable housing, support families in crisis, protect children, provide youth with alternatives to involvement in crime, increase literacy rates, enhance public health programs and make the socially isolated feel valued as members of the communities in which they live. Sustainable crime prevention can only be achieved if we invest in sustainable social programs.

Excellence

In 2005, the Crime Prevention Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), with support from the Federal Government, sponsored the creation of the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being. The Coalition consists of a wide range of national non-governmental organizations, including the CACP, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, the Canadian Association of Social Workers, the Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime, the Canadian Safe School Network, the Child Welfare League of Canada, the Movement for Canadian Literacy and The Salvation Army. Together, Coalition partners advocate to decision-makers at all levels, in the public and private sector, for improved community safety, health and well-being. They also promote public awareness of the value of crime prevention through social development.

Teamwork

While its federal funding has ended, the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being continues working to identify the causes of crime and victimization and encourage investment in social programs that are accessible to everyone, including the most marginalized in society. This approach to crime prevention, in conjunction with enforcement, courts and corrections, is the most effective way to achieve safe, healthy and inclusive communities.

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