



# Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

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## CACP Statement: Canada's police leaders seek continued momentum on bail reform

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Council of the Federation, Canada's provincial and territorial Premiers, today to discuss the need to continue to prioritize Bill C-48 which calls for legislative amendments to the *Criminal Code* related to Canada's bail system. The CACP is anxious to see further progress on this file as well as in the areas of First Nations policing and gang and gun violence. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the government going forward.

The CACP greatly appreciates the acknowledgement and support received by both federal and provincial political leaders regarding the concerns police leaders expressed about violent repeat offenders and the risks to public and officer safety. It was even more gratifying to see the federal government swiftly move to action with the tabling of Bill C-48 on bail reform in May 2023.

The legislative amendments proposed to the *Criminal Code* are urgently needed to keep violent and repeat offenders who pose the greatest threat to public and officer safety from being released into the community while they await trial. Bill C-48 would also impose reverse-onus bail for serious violent offences involving a weapon and expand these provisions to offences involving intimate partner violence.

With the support of Canada's Premiers, the CACP urges the federal government to honour its commitment to maintain Bill C-48 as a top priority when Parliament resumes on September 18, 2023.