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Re: RCMP Project Wide Awake

Dear Commissioner Therrien,

I am writing to you to request an investigation into the recent revelations about the RCMP's Tactical Internet Operation Support unit and specifically the tactics used under Project Wide Awake. If the reports are accurate it fits into a troubling pattern of the RCMP's disregard for the privacy rights of citizens and their failure to ensure proper oversight protocols. The right to privacy is a fundamental right that must be respected by police. When technological tools become available that are able to breach these rights these tools must be constrained within the limits of careful judicial oversight

I have grave concerns about the level of secrecy and duplicity the RCMP has gone through to hide their activities into procuring and using these online tools to gather information on Canadians. I am very concerned that these internal documents appear to contradict how the force characterized Project Wide Awake to you and your office.

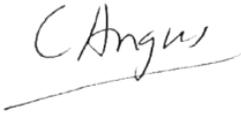
We need to know if these tools were used to target people engaged in their legal right to protest. This is deeply unsettling, especially in terms of how the RCMP conduct over Indigenous protests and the targeting of Indigenous citizens who are rightfully standing up in the territorial treaty rights.

Canadian's right to privacy is under content pressure with both legal and illegal elements attempting to gain more data about us than any time in history. However, having the national

police force take such a cavalier approach to Canadians privacy is deeply troubling. I would hope that you would agree as well.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Angus". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Charlie Angus  
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