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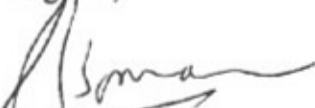
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Dear Compassionate Citizen,

Studies throughout the world have shown us that many violent criminals have a history of animal cruelty dating back to childhood, amongst various other socio-economic factors. Based on my experience as Director General of Police, I feel we must begin preventive measures in childhood, in our efforts to reduce crime and build a healthier society. Humane education is a key component to any preventive programme.

The educational programme *Compassionate Citizen* reaches out to our children in schools. It brings lessons of compassion and empathy to children, helping them to understand that "everyone matters." It is a positive, wonderful step that will change the future of children and will contribute to building a less violent, more peaceful society.

Regards,



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