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Mr Charle Flanagan

Minister of Justice and Equality

51 St Stephen's Green

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Dated: 13/05/2019

Dear Mr Flanagan

I recently met with Eoin Gardiner, the Garda Community Officer, and discussed issues pertaining to the public, and the community. I acknowledge and appreciate Gardiner, and his colleague Joe for taking measures to reach out to the public, and bridge the gap. During the course of our meeting, we discussed a plethora of issues like anti-social behaviour, child abuse, domestic violence, drug control. I was adequately briefed about the measures the Garda has adopted to tackle the above in Laois.

We pledged to work in tandem and further boost the cooperation amongst communities and Garda.

Upon deeper deliberation, I appreciated the fact that there are only two Garda community officers for the entire county of Laois, and thereby, there's a resources crunch.

Therefore, I sincerely urge you, to consider increasing the number of community officers and equipping them with all the necessary resources to make our communities safer.

Best Regards

Mr. Naeem Iqbal

Now is your chance to have a strong local voice in Laois county council by giving me your **NO.1 VOTE** in Local Election this May 2019.

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