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c/o Port Alberni Chamber of Commerce

Date

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Attention Port Alberni Business Owners/Managers:

The Port Alberni RCMP would like to introduce an initiative called RCMP SAFE PLACE. The RCMP SAFE PLACE program supports local businesses to display a 'rainbow shield' in their window designating them as a 'Safe Place' for those in the LGBTQ community (or anyone) to come in and receive assistance in contacting the police or remaining until family, friends or their supports can assist them.

Morgan Williams, a grade 12 Social Justice student from Alberni District Secondary School approached our detachment about working with us to deliver the program to Port Alberni. We support Ms. Williams' idea and require your feedback to determine local interest to support the initiative.

To launch this project, the RCMP would instruct your staff, employees, supervisors, managers, teachers, volunteers, counselors and/or students of the protocols required to be a "Safe Place". There is no cost to participate, however there is a commitment pledge to use the 'shield' and signs for their intended purpose. Your employees will be instructed to assist victims or witnesses to anti-LGBTQ or other crimes by calling the police on their behalf and allowing them to remain on the premises until help arrives.

Kindly respond to this email if you are interested in participating or if you require more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Inspector Brian Hunter
Officer in Charge
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