



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR – BY JOHN CARTWRIGHT**

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**CHANGING THE CULTURE OF POLICING**

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Columnist Ed Keenan is right to challenge the TPA's attitude to carding. The Toronto and York Region Labour Council, the voice of labour in Canada's largest urban centre, has taken a strong stand on this issue.

We have gone on record with both the Toronto Police Services and through an open letter to Yasir Naqvi, minister of community safety and correctional services, calling for an end to all forms of race-based policing that disproportionately targets members of our communities based on their race, creed or ethnic origin.

We oppose policing practices such as carding, racial profiling and other such tactics as they often repeatedly single out young people of colour for extra scrutiny. Many black union members have seen the effect of these practices on their own family members and neighbours.

We cannot build a just and caring society when those in uniform are seen to treat whole communities in a manner that is fundamentally unfair.

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**About Toronto&York Region Labour Council**

***Working People, Working Together, To Build A Better Community***

The Toronto and York Region Labour Council is a central labour body that combines the strength of hundreds of local unions representing 195,000 working men and women and their families. Its mandate is to organize and advocate on issues that are vital to working people throughout the region..

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