



## NEARLY 9 IN 10 MANITOBANS DEMAND URGENT FEDERAL ACTION ON BAIL REFORM AND POLICING

*Survey: Vast majority want Ottawa to hold repeat offenders accountable and boost policing resources*

**September 11, 2025** – Manitobans are sending Ottawa a powerful message: take urgent action to keep communities safe. A new Probe Research survey jointly commissioned by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) shows that **nearly nine in ten Manitobans** want immediate bail reform and changes to the Criminal Code to hold repeat offenders accountable.

The survey reveals that **88%** of Manitobans strongly agree or somewhat agree the federal government must reform the bail system to hold repeat offenders accountable and prevent further crimes. Support is high across the province — from Winnipeg to rural and northern Manitoba.

The research also found that **72%** of Manitobans want more federal funding for policing, with rural and northern communities especially likely to demand stronger federal support for local law enforcement.

*“Municipal leaders across Manitoba continue to hear from residents that public safety is one of their top concerns,” said **AMM President Kathy Valentino**. “This survey sends a clear message to Ottawa: Manitobans want meaningful reforms to the bail system, and they want increased federal support for policing so communities can feel safe and secure.”*

Echoing this call, **AMBM President Ivan Normandeau** stressed the unique challenges faced by smaller and bilingual municipalities: *“Manitobans want Ottawa to step up with decisive action — bail reform and investments in local policing — because safety is the foundation for growth. Businesses won’t invest, families won’t put down roots, and communities can’t thrive unless residents feel secure. Economic development depends on safe streets.”*

The survey, conducted by Probe Research from July 24 to August 11, 2025, surveyed a representative sample of 1,000 Manitobans. The results show a clear, urgent demand for federal leaders to work with municipalities to deliver the reforms and resources people expect.

To view the poll results, [CLICK HERE](#).

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