

(Insert Date)

Dear *(insert name and title)*

My name is *(Insert your name)*, and I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the relentless attack on law abiding firearms owners by the Federal Government.

It's been reported that while a minimal number of offences may involve previously legally owned guns, it is most definitely not the source of violence that the Liberal government and anti-gun lobbyists would have Canadians believe.

We can all agree that the majority of firearm-related crimes are directly related to drugs, mental health, social inequalities', smuggling, and gangs. If property theft is a concern, then it must be addressed equally. It's time to stop putting the blame on law abiding Canadians!

In August of 2019, the National Post reported Chief Adam Palmer of the Canadian Police Chiefs as saying *"Canadian police chiefs won't back handgun ban,"* stating that *"it wouldn't stop the flow of guns into the country"*, and that ***"firearms laws in Canada are actually very good right now. They're very strict"***. Additionally, the union representing 20,000 RCMP officers says the Liberal government's firearms ban is ***unlikely to curb gun violence in Canada***. Brian Sauv , president of the National Police Federation Union, said policies like the firearms tend to be politically popular, but fail to address the root cause of gun violence.

The introduction of bill C71 and the May 1st 2020 OIC, designed to add more firearm regulations and target previously restricted and non-restricted firearms, are an *overreach of executive authority, waste of taxpayer resources, and a huge financial burden on firearm businesses and legal gun owners*. *This latter point is concerning, since hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting sports contributed 13.2 billion dollars to the Canadian economy in 2018.*

While bill C21 promises to get tough on crime and illegal smuggling, it once again primarily attacks law abiding gun owners, as criminals don't follow laws. It is telling that within the same week of introducing this legislation, the Liberals voted against bill c238 introducing minimum mandatory sentences for firearms related offences, only to introduce bill c22 lessening existing penalties for firearms related offences. These actions by the Liberal government send a strong message that this government chooses to target law abiding Canadians rather than criminals.

Will this government do the right thing by addressing drugs, mental health, social inequalities', gun smuggling and gang problems and stop attacking law abiding citizens?

I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

(insert our name and title)

(insert your contact info)

(insert anyone else you want to cc: