



Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sirs,

We write to you today to express our grave concern with some proposed policies coming from your government.

As you are aware, there are over 2.2 million licensed, RCMP vetted gun owners across our nation who participate in the shooting sports safely and without issue. We also have a rising gang violence issue in many of our cities and urban areas, fueled by the illicit drug trade and armed with illegal, smuggled guns. These two statements are easily validated and separate in nature. Your government is considering implementing firearms bans and a buy back program for legal guns. This would be a huge undertaking, with considerable costs rising into the hundreds of millions of dollars, just for sporting rifles alone. If you were to add handguns to the equation this project could soar well into the billion-dollar mark. Historically, firearms have a history in this country since long before Confederation and Canadians own them for good and sufficient reasons. It is well established that they are not the source of violent crime.

Measures such as gun bans would also cost Canada tens of thousands of jobs, close family businesses that have survived generations of ownership and remove billions of dollars from our GDP and tax revenue sources, all with no credible evidence it would have a positive impact on public safety.

We are of the opinion, after consulting with victims groups, survivors impacted by the trauma of gun violence, at-risk youth programs, law enforcement leaders, Canadian Chiefs of Police, and other experts, that these considerable resources would be better served addressing the root causes of violence, treating the victims of trauma, increasing technology at the border to reduce smuggling of illicit firearms and invest in the community programs that would benefit the people most affected.

It is noted that none of these groups support gun bans of any kind.

We ask you to consider more effective measures and listen to the voices of those most affected. This country doesn't operate on unlimited funds, so it is incumbent on all of us to reject the idea of costly and ineffective bans and re-focus on more beneficial measures.

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