

Subject: AS A LAW-ABIDING FIREARMS OWNER I AM URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REVERSE THEIR ORDER IN COUNCIL AND UTILIZE AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO GUN VIOLENCE

On May 1st, 2020 the Federal government, prohibited over 1500 types of firearms in legal possession of Canadians across the country. This was done through an Order in Council and to avoid Parliamentary debate from the opposition parties. The Federal government has also renewed its promise to allow municipalities and communities to ban handguns.

This dangerous path has sparked debate amongst communities throughout Canada. Leaders are taking positions on firearms and taking aim at law abiding Canadians while ignoring the root causes of violent crime. Not only is this approach distracting from taking real action, but it also creates a false sense of security through a plan that has very little potential in reducing violent crime.

As a law-abiding gun owner, I am extremely opposed to the Federal government's decision to use an Order in Council to implement changes to legislation. I strongly disagree with using scare tactics and misleading studies to ban firearms based on the way they look. I urge the Government to reconsider their current direction and instead focus on evidence-based methods to curb gun violence. Pledging millions for a firearm buyback program will not address or decrease violent crime. Instead, money should be invested into supporting police initiatives, targeting social issues, gangs, poverty and addressing the root causes of crime. Stronger penalties for straw purchases and illegal firearm imports should be a main area of focus.

I am a firm believer in the safe use of firearms and firearms education. I believe there are better solutions to address the issue of violent crime in Canada. Changing the conversation to find a real and productive solution to crime that puts tax dollars to good use and redirects the focus from law abiding citizens to gangs and criminals, is essential and needs to be immediate.

I am urging you to take action. Violent crime and gun violence is not coming from law abiding gun owners - the most vetted group of citizens in the Country. I am simply asking you as my representative to listen to the legal, educated, and responsible gun owners and redirect valuable resources into finding an actual solution to gun violence in Canada.

Signed,