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Dear Manitoba Bill C-21 Advisory Group:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 2, 2021 sharing the recommendations from Manitoba's Advisory Group on the Government of Canada's Bill C-21: *An act to amend certain acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)*.

On behalf of the Province of Manitoba, we want to thank all members for their important contributions to the advisory group. As you know, Bill C-21 makes significant changes to the laws and regulations governing the sale, possession, and use of legal firearms in Canada. These changes are a substantial infringement on the freedom of law-abiding firearms owners, and the federal government introduced the provisions without meaningful consultation with hunters, trappers, sport shooters, and rural landowners who rely on firearms to make a living and protect their properties. Your work as a member of the Manitoba Bill C-21 Advisory Group has produced important feedback that will be invaluable as Manitoba determines our next steps on this important issue.

At present, both Manitoba Justice and Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development are carefully reviewing the potential impacts and recommendations you have put forth for our consideration. We will continue to engage with key stakeholders and the federal government on this important issue. We will also continue to focus our resources on limiting the proliferation of illegal firearms and prosecuting gang members, gun smugglers, and other criminals in our province.

Thank you again for your input on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Honourable Blaine Pedersen
Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development

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