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RE: **AS A LAW-ABIDING FIREARMS OWNER I AM URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO UTILIZE AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO GUN VIOLENCE AND STOP THE ATTACK ON LEGAL FIREARM OWNERS**

Dear: [Elected Official Name]

The Federal Government with the launch of C-21, has renewed its ill placed promise to strengthen gun control by allowing municipalities and communities to ban handguns, as well implementing a ban on “military style” firearms, and implemented a firearms buyback program that now includes many of the rifles and shotguns hunters, sport shooters and farmers use daily.

This Bill has sparked debate amongst communities throughout Canada. Leaders are taking positions on firearms that is 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 current government’s decision to use scare tactics and misleading studies to ban firearms based on the way they look instead of collaborating with educated user groups to find a better solution. I urge the Government to reconsider their current direction and instead focus on evidence-based methods to curb gun violence. Pledging billions of dollars for a firearm buyback program will not address or decrease violent crime. Instead, the 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 another main area of focus.

I am a firm believer in the safe use of firearms and firearms education. 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 effective use to tax dollars and redirects 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 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.

**Sincerely,**