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Mr. Dennis R. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

I would like to thank you for your suggestions regarding changes to Canada's gun laws. On April 5, 2012, Bill C-19, *Ending the Long-gun Registry Act*, received Royal Assent and came into force, thereby removing the requirement for individuals and businesses to register non-restricted firearms. Bill C-19 also requires the destruction as soon as feasible of all records in the Canadian Firearms Registry related to the registration of long-guns. We said we would destroy this data in order to ensure that the federal long-gun registry is not revived. I am extremely proud to announce that as of October 31, 2012, we have delivered on that commitment, with the exception of data related to non-restricted firearms in Quebec.

We have also recently taken steps to address the concerns of firearms owners with respect to regulations regarding gun shows and the marking of firearms. The *Gun Shows Regulations* have been repealed and the coming into force of the *Firearms Marking Regulations* has been deferred until December 1, 2013, to allow for extensive consultations on the way forward. With the completion of these initiatives, I will assess the need for further reforms. Your concerns will inform the next steps that we take.

Going back to our days as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, our Government has been steadfast in our support for law-abiding firearms owners in every region of the country.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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