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To: Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, MP
Prime Minister
House of Commons,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6.

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

I am writing, as a law-abiding firearms owner to express my outrage over the RCMP's continued assault upon responsible firearms ownership in Canada. For too long the RCMP has been allowed free rein to unilaterally reclassify and ban whatever firearm they desire, —apparently approved by the minister responsible.

Canada's law-abiding firearms community is no longer willing to stand idly by while the RCMP prosecutes its unfair "ban and confiscate" agenda against our legally acquired firearms. Yet, the RCMP's recent Swiss Arms & CZ-858 prohibitions is symptomatic of a much larger problem: The C-17/C-68 Firearms Act... Your Firearms Act, Mr. Prime Minister!

As both a responsible firearms owner and voter, I am no longer willing to accept political half-measures and band-aid solutions aimed at temporarily "fixing" the "gun problem" in Canada. The problem is and always has been the Firearms Act.

I agree with Canada's National Firearms Association. The current Firearms Act is irreparably broken, as is our system of firearms classification. Firearms ownership has no place in criminal law and gun owners should not have to worry about being made a paper criminal by bureaucratic fiat or whim. Therefore a new Act is necessary; one that replaces subjective criteria and opinion with objective tests of safety, knowledge and proficiency and ends the arbitrary reclassification of firearms.

Lack of significant immediate action on this file will cause many gun owners to question your Government's commitment to substantive firearms law reform. This is a danger that cannot be ignored. Growing anger and frustration within Canada's firearms community may very well move gun owners to deliberately withhold support for Conservative candidates in the next federal election just as we did with Kim Campbell. However, history need not repeat itself if we learn from the past. Repeal the C-17/C-68 Firearms Act now as promised – the innocent possession and storage of firearms should not be a crime.

Sincerely,

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