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Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your email of July 10, 2013, inquiring about ways to increase the number of Canadian athletes participating in sport shooting at the Olympic Games. I appreciate you taking the time to share your views and commend your interest in advancing sport shooting in Canada.

Through Sport Canada, our Government has a mission to enhance opportunities for all Canadians to participate and excel in sport. To accomplish its objectives in this regard, Sport Canada provides funding to eligible national sport organizations (NSOs), such as the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC), to develop athletes, coaches and officials at the national and international level.

Federal funding to NSOs is allocated based on the results of their assessment under the Sport Funding and Accountability Framework (SFAF). The SFAF is a tool used by Sport Canada to identify which organizations are eligible for its contribution programs, in what areas, at what level and under what conditions. All NSOs are measured against the same set of criteria contained in the SFAF. It should be noted that the SFC passed the SFAF eligibility process, had its programs assessed and, in January 2013, received a four-year funding reference level for both its mainstream and adaptive programs to assist with planning.

For more information on the SFAF, including its eligibility criteria for summer-sport NSOs, I encourage you to visit the Sport Canada website at www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/pgm/sc/index-eng.cfm. In addition, as the national body responsible for ensuring sport shooting's ongoing development across Canada and for responding to the sport's various challenges, I encourage you to pursue your dialogue with the SFC.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bal Gosal".

The Honourable Bal Gosal, P.C., M.P.

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