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Dear Mr. David:

Subject: Brief on Bill C-71

I am writing to share my organization's views regarding Bill C-71. As we have an interest in public safety and public well-being in general, we strongly support greater control over firearms. Bill C-71 is a step in the right direction, but it does not address significant gaps in the current law and it should be strengthened substantially.

We support the recommendations in this regard made by PolyRemembers. In summary, we would like Bill C-71 to be amended in order to:

1. Tighten the eligibility criteria and strengthen the screening process for people wishing to acquire, renew or maintain a firearms licence;
2. Include the requirement to notify authorities of private sales as part of the new controls over the sale of non-restricted weapons;
3. Give the police quick and easy access to firearms sales records without the requirement for "judicial authorization" or other procedural obstacles.
4. Reinstate transportation permits for restricted weapons so that they specify exact locations in which a specific weapon can be present (e.g. the gun club to which the gun owner belongs rather than *all* gun clubs in a province);
5. Ban assault weapons once and for all;
6. Revise the provisions concerning large-capacity magazines in order to impose a real limit of 5 rounds for non-restricted weapons and 10 rounds for restricted weapons, eliminate loopholes and prohibit easily modified magazines from exceeding the legal limit.

I hope that the Committee accepts these recommendations as part of its study.

Sincerely,

Submitted by :

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Association québécoise de prévention du suicide

Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes

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Direction régional de santé publique de la Gaspésie et des Îles

Fédération des maisons d'hébergement pour femmes

Havre l'Éclaircie

Maison halte-secours

Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale

Réseau des tables régionales de groupes de femmes du Québec

From individuals:

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I am writing to express my views on Bill C 71.

In accordance with our common values of peace, order and good government, and in view of the rising trend in firearm homicides in recent years, I strongly support better gun control, and I would like to see Bill C 71 substantially strengthened.

Therefore, I support the following recommendations:

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Having sat on the firearms advisory committee that was set up by the Honourable Kim Campbell, who was the Minister of Justice at the time of the shootings, I was at the forefront of the debate leading to better gun control, and I was able to see the harmful influence of the NRA on the issue firsthand. It's wrong to argue that the problem is not directly related to guns but to the presence of criminals who misuse them. Guns are made to kill. Deaths are the result not only of homicides, but also suicides and accidents. We were on the path to better gun control before Stephen Harper's Conservative Party came in and destroyed everything, making the situation worse in so many ways, for example by introducing minimum sentences that limit the ability of judges to sentence on a case-by-case basis, regardless of who committed the offence. Is it truly reasonable that a police officer who, in the heat of the moment, pulls the trigger too fast in the eyes of a jury and is sentenced for manslaughter or criminal negligence causing death would automatically receive such a sentence? I'm not convinced. Nor do I agree with the idea of minimum sentences for Indigenous offenders. This goes against the philosophy behind the sentencing reform that was adopted when the Honourable Alan Rock was Minister of Justice.

That said, I fully support PolySeSouvient and the Coalition for Gun Control calling for amendments to Bill C-71.

Therefore, I support the following recommendations:

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Sincerely,
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