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Sandra Cohen-Rose, President  
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Dear President Cohen-Rose:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 19, 2018, concerning the recent Summit on Gun and Gang Violence.

I am pleased that the National Council of Women of Canada was able to send a representative to attend the Summit. The Summit was attended by over 180 experts from law enforcement, community organizations, mayors, and other federal, provincial and territorial representatives, and was also available via webcast. The information that was shared will help advance joint action for future prevention, intervention and enforcement initiatives, and help inform the way forward for the federal government's Initiative to Take Action Against Guns and Gangs – a multi-pronged approach to tackle criminal gun and gang activity in Canada.

Summit participants from organizations representing a broad range of perspectives and experiences were present, including women's groups, Indigenous groups, and youth groups.

We know that women and women's organizations such as yours have unique and valuable insights to offer on gun and gang violence, and we appreciate your participation in the Summit and the work you are doing in this area.

We will continue working collaboratively with stakeholders as we take reasonable and effective actions to achieve our goal of preventing gun violence.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph Goodale'.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.

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