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Dear Sandra Cohen-Rose:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 26, 2018, concerning firearms. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views on this subject.

As Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, I take gun and gang violence seriously. As part of the Government of Canada's commitment to reduce gun and gang violence, we have announced up to \$327.6 million over five years, and \$100 million annually thereafter, in new funding to help support a variety of initiatives to reduce gun crime and criminal gang activities. Too many young people have been killed and too many communities have been marred by gun crime and gun violence.

In March 2018, the Government of Canada also invited experts from law enforcement, Indigenous and youth organizations, mayors of large municipalities, community organizations, and ministers from each province and territory to the Summit on Gun and Gang Violence. The Summit provided a chance for stakeholders to share challenges, opportunities and best practices to combat guns and gangs. The information shared at the Summit will help identify priority actions needed to collaboratively address gun crime and criminal gang activity and inform the government's way forward for the Guns and Gangs Program.

On March 20, 2018, I tabled Bill C-71, *An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms*. This legislation prioritizes public safety and effective police work, while respecting law-abiding firearms owners. Our government will not bring back the federal long-gun registry. Currently, the Bill has been approved, with amendments, by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, and received concurrence in the House of Commons at Report Stage.

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This legislation works together with other initiatives, including establishing a more inclusive Canadian Firearms Advisory Committee, reversing a ministerial directive issued by the previous government that allowed gun manufacturers to determine, in certain circumstances, the classification of their own products, and committing up to \$327.6 million over five years, and \$100 million annually thereafter, to help support a variety of initiatives to reduce gun crime and gang activities.

With this legislation, and our other initiatives, we are taking concrete steps to make our country less vulnerable to the scourge of gun violence, while being fair to responsible, law-abiding firearms owners and businesses.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Goodale', written in a cursive style.

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