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The Honourable Warren Allmand
Chairman
Standing Committee on Justice
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House of Commons
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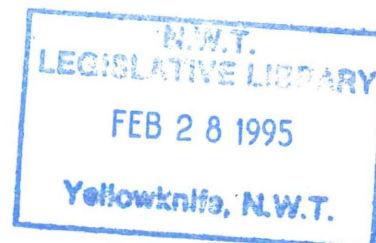
Dear Mr. Allmand:

On February 14, 1995, the Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada introduced Bill C-68, an Act respecting firearms and other weapons, which includes amendments to the Criminal Code and a new Firearms Act. In announcing the introduction of the Bill, the Minister stressed that Canadians will have the opportunity to make their views known when the legislation is reviewed by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

The proposed amendments will have an enormous and alarming impact on the lives and lifestyles of Northerners, who will welcome the opportunity to make their views known to Parliament through submissions to your Standing Committee. To that end, I would encourage you to visit and hold hearings in the Northwest Territories, and to facilitate broad representation from the public, to visit not only the larger centres, but also the smaller communities, where firearms are essential as tools and instruments of survival.

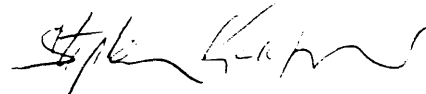
I would also encourage you to develop a policy for funding the travel costs of prospective intervenors from outlining areas, who would incur costs for travel to the centers where hearings are being held.

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I cannot think of a recent legislative change which would have a more profound impact on the lives of northern Aboriginal Peoples, and for that reason I take some comfort that you as a former Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs will bring experience and sensitivity to our interests to the deliberations of the Standing Committee.

Sincerely,

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

Stephen Kakfwi

cc Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, P.C., M.P.
Jack Anawak, M.P. Nunatsiaq

