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Dear Jim:

Because I am the Executive Director of the 665,000-member North American Hunting Club, I am writing you to express the concern of our membership over the proposals before the Parliament to further restrict firearms and ammunition ownership in Canada. Obviously, our greatest concern is for the rights of our approximately 50,000 Canadian members who would have to bear the daily burden of these misguided restrictions should they be enacted.

However, we are also deeply concerned about how further restrictions on ammunition sales will affect non-resident hunters from the United States and elsewhere. For example, you and I both know that airline regulations already require that firearms and ammunition be packed separately for transport. We also both know how unfortunately common it is for bags to become lost in transit.



It's my reading of the proposed legislation that if the bag containing the ammunition were lost, it would be difficult if not impossible for the non-resident hunter to purchase cartridges when he arrives in Canada to continue his hunt!

Is this true? If it is or even if the legislation gives non-resident hunters the perception that it is, I would think your organization would muster all available forces to see that it is defeated.

I know it can be hard to see living where you do and having seemingly unlimited access to the beauty and

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magic of the barrenlands, but the view is different as a non-resident alien who daily hears more and more about the Canadian government's growing anti-gun/anti-hunting sentiment. It's quite evident to us that this increasing prejudice against hunters is making them consider more hospitable, alternative hunting locations. With them will go their dollars--outside dollars that would do nothing but good for the overall Canadian economy.

Jim, I know you and your organization are on our side in this matter, so let's see what we can do to work together to keep all of Canada an accessible, desirable destination for all hunters everywhere.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

Bill Miller
Executive Director

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