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Honorable A. Rock  
Minister of Justice  
Room 448 Confederation  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, On.  
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Dear Mr. Rock,

I am writing to you concerning the proposed gun legislation that you are planning to carry out. The potential negative effects of this legislation will have a direct detrimental impact on my company. The J Group Ltd. is a small family oriented hunting outfitting business in the Northwest Territories. I am also President of the Barrenground Caribou Outfitters Association. We rely on hunters from Canada, the United States and Europe for our livelihood.

The Barrenground Caribou Outfitters (nine businesses) brings in more than two million dollars during a two-month hunting period annually into the Northwest Territories. Revenue generated for the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Federal Government is about \$500,000. This does not include other hunting outfitters and the Hunters and Trappers Associations who are also part of the outfitting industry in the remainder of the Northwest Territories.

The Outfitting industry in all the Provinces and Territories has a major socioeconomic impact on Canada. Hunting outfitters generate millions of dollars in direct and indirect revenue from hunters that travel from abroad. All this revenue is 'export' revenue--that is 'new' money into the Provinces and Canada. It is not merely recirculated government funding, this is an infusion of brand new dollars. This is especially true for the Northwest Territories with our economy of few export industries. Revenue generated by hunting outfitters is very important. The economic impact of Barrenground Caribou Outfitters Association accounts for \$ 35.00 for every man woman and child in the Northwest Territories.

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My concerns relate to the transportation of firearms and ammunition into Canada from foreign countries. Will the regulations create hardships and hassles for our hunters at the border crossings and airport customs? What happens if a hunter's ammunition is lost? Will he or she be able to purchase ammunition from stores in Canada? What are the requirements on the transportation of firearms into Canada? Are special permits required? What will be the procedure for obtaining these? Are costs involved? What happens if a weapon is lost?

I would like to stress that the less beaurcrazy our hunters have to tolerate the more likely they will continue to hunt in Canada. If the regulations make it more difficult this will greatly affect tourism in our country, consequently less revenue for the Governments involved! This could also mean the cessation of some small outfitting businesses in Canada.

I would appreciate a response from you on this matter especially with the concerns I have raised. Would you also ensure that the Northwest Territories has a chance to have our views heard on the review panel hearings?

Thank you for your cooperation.



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