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Dear Sir:

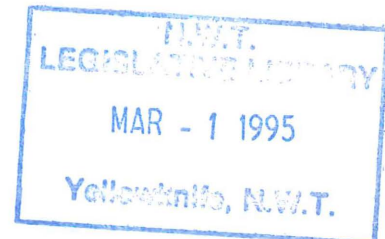
Our group of companies is employed in the Tourism Hunting Industry, across northern Canada. For four generations our family has worked in this business, in New Brunswick, Ungava Bay, Newfoundland-Labrador and the Northwest Territories.

In all of these endeavors, we have worked with, and in partnership with the Aboriginal Canadians who inhabit these areas. Our present business is heavily involved in both the Barrenlands Caribou business and working out of Coppermine in a partnership with the Community. We employ Aboriginal Partners, at one of the few jobs that allow a living to be made in anything approaching a traditional lifestyle. This is a valuable consideration to the people concerned.

We have witnessed the decline of rural and Aboriginal economy and traditional life style, in Communities across Canada, when the Government caved in and banned the Seal Harvesting, We have watched the way in which governments have caved in once again in the issue of Leg Hold Traps and Fur Harvest. Now millions of dollars of taxpayers money is being spent trying to convert to what the Anti Trapping-Harvesting Industry will approve of. Many Trappers will tell you that while some animals can be taken successfully in the new expensive "killer" traps, success on some desirable species is minimal. No one will admit that the true agenda of these southern based anti-trapping and anti-hunting and anti-gun organizations, is to end ALL Renewable Resource Harvesting in any form.



Now, the proposed Federal Gun Control Legislation is yet another move by Southern City Politicians, to satisfy the southern city voter, while doing nothing whatsoever to control the criminal element rampant in Southern Canada. While Ottawa Politicians, of any Party, cannot come to grips with the fact that we need longer sentences for criminals, they are all quite prepared to convert millions of honest taxpayers into a new class of criminal, if this misguided legislation is put into effect.



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It is a direct blow to Sports Hunting Tourism, and the people who engage in it; Outfitters, Guides, HTAs and the people in our remote communities in two ways:

1. Most of our business comes from the USA. Restrictions already in place, under the FAC requirement, make it impossible for a visitor to buy, rent or borrow a sports hunting firearm, if his should become lost, for instance by the airlines. This new legislation, unless amendments are in place, will further confuse and impede the honest American Tourist entering Canada with a Hunting Rifle. Needless to say, given the failure of Ottawa to put even a dent in the drug or tobacco smuggling industries, the number of firearms imported illegally by criminals will continue unabated. Only the honest visitor, coming to employ honest Canadians, will suffer.

2. In our Northern Communities, the Dene and Inuit, who retain a traditional lifestyle, will suffer even more under this legislation than under the Seal Ban, and the Ban on Leg Hold Traps. Many people will not be able to comply, and will thus be "criminals". The more politically organized Aboriginal Nations in the South, will in fact tell you that they will NOT comply, and many have told Ottawa so already.

Thus will be manufactured, at the stroke of a pen, an entire Canada wide class of New Criminals, in a nation that once prided itself on being a Free Democracy.

We beg of you, and every Member of The Assembly, to contact Ottawa and demand that they consider the effects upon rural and Aboriginal Canadians, of this proposed measure. Every one of us, will support to the hilt, any legislation that TRULY addresses the problem of crime in Canada. This is definitely NOT the case under this proposed Gun Control Legislation.

Sincerely, *Just A Webb*

for Coppermine HTA-Webb Ltd., and Qaivvik Ltd. and Webb Outfitting (NWT) Ltd.

cc Kelvin Ng MLA