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The Honourable Warren Allmand, P.C., M.P. Chairman Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs 104 East Block House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A OA6

Dear Mr. Allmand:

I write in support of the February 24th letter to you from Mr. Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Justice for the Northwest Territories inviting your committee to travel to the NWT. In his letter Mr. Kakfwi encourages your committee to travel to the smaller communities of our region where the population depends on hunting as a means of survival.

It is vitally important that committee members be sensitized to the traditional culture and ways of life of northern aboriginal communities where firearms are essential to sustenance and survival. The circumstances in small northern aboriginal communities are absolutely unique and these differences from circumstances in southern Canada need to be pointed out and understood by committee members.

Thank you for your attention to this representation. you will consider this request favourably. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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