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Dear Commissioner Paulson and Assistant Commissioner Perron:

Canadians gave our government a strong mandate to end the wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry once and for all. Bill C-19, the *Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act*, did just that.

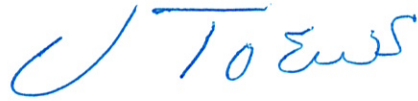
It has been suggested in various media reports that Chief Firearms Officers, acting pursuant to their purported authority under the *Firearms Act*, are attempting to collect point of sale data that they are no longer authorized to collect pursuant to Bill C-19. To be clear, the *Firearms Act* neither authorizes this activity, nor any other measures that could facilitate the creation of a provincial long-gun registry.

The Canadian Firearms Program and the RCMP at large are to provide no assistance or direction to any province seeking to undertake measures of this nature, except as expressly required by valid provincial legislation. The position of the Federal Government, as dictated by the will of Canadians, is that registration of long-guns is wasteful and ineffective. I expect that this position will be fully respected at all times, while respecting the judicial injunction in Quebec that we will continue to vigorously oppose in the courts.

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If it comes to your attention that CFOs are interpreting the *Firearms Act* as a basis for unauthorized data collection, please advise me immediately. I am prepared to consider all legislative and regulatory measures necessary to give effect to the will of Canadians.

Yours truly,



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