



JOINT STATEMENT

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We are deeply concerned with the recent interview from Minister Gary Anandasangaree regarding the proposed firearms buy-back program, which is a continued attack on licensed firearms owners in Canada.

As we have stated before, Canada has a rich history of hunting, trapping and sport shooting. We know that the law-abiding, RCMP vetted licensed gun owners are not the source of the rising crime on the streets across Canada, acts that are committed by criminals and gangs who are often repeat offenders. The government has continuously failed to address the root causes of violence that plague our society, while simply continuing to pull their easiest firearms policy lever which is to unnecessarily burden legal Canadian licensed firearm owners.

The Government of Canada's oft-maligned attacks on the more than 2.3 million gun owners have had negligible impact on stopping crime, and not only continue to put at risk the safety of all Canadians, they continue to jeopardize the livelihoods and treasured pastimes of hunters, trappers and firearms owners from coast-to-coast-to-coast. The government's decision to forge forward with the firearms buyback program is a true disservice to Canadians and is yet another example of the reckless, frivolous spending by our government.

We stand together today against the continued pursuit of licensed firearms owners by the Government of Canada and ask them to refocus their attention. The government should be focusing their efforts and taxpayer dollars on utilizing and creating policy measures that will have measurable impacts on the issues that terrorize our communities such as gangs and gang-related criminal activities, illegal firearm use, cross-border smuggling, and mental health/drug issues, rather than continuing to place further restrictions and burdens on Canada's most vetted population.

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