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Joint Clerks
Special Joint Committee
on the Constitution of Canada
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Gentlemen:

While it is not my intention, or that of our organization, to become involved in the current fray regarding whether Canada's Constitution should be repatriated, I do wish to go on record with one statement.

If the Constitution is brought to Canada and rewritten, embodied within that Constitution should be the right of all Canadians to own and use firearms. For actual wording, you might like to use the United States for guidance, as I understand such rights are embodied within their Constitution.

There are many legitimate uses of firearms, e.g. hunting, target shooting, collecting, etc. The rights of those who wish to enjoy these recreations must be guaranteed in perpetuity.

I would appreciate receiving from you a letter stating that you will protect the rights of our 20,200+ members and their counterparts across Canada by taking action to enshrine our rights if any change in the Constitution is made.

Yours in Conservation,

R.G. Morgan
Executive Vice President

cc: Board of Directors

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge, as a Canadian, to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my Country — its soils and minerals, its air, waters, forests and wildlife.