

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the Alberta Provincial Government passed a motion to “Recognize and support the ability of Albertans to lawfully, and in a responsible manner, own and possess firearms and engage in permitted activities involving the use of firearms including, but not limited to, hunting and sport shooting.”

This motion pushes back against the Federal Government’s mandate to vilify law abiding firearms owners through forced buy backs, firearms prohibitions and further restricts law abiding firearm owners to enjoy using their property safely and in appropriate ways. The Federal Government has opted for a fear based approach to firearms control instead of using sound, evidence based methods that includes looking at the source of violent crime in Canada and where criminals are accessing firearms – criminal organizations, straw purchasing and illegal firearms from the USA.

As a law abiding firearms owner and voter, I am urging the Provincial Government to support legal and law abiding firearms owners by supporting this community that brings so much to the Province of Manitoba. At this time I would like to point out that law abiding firearms users in Manitoba contributed \$121.9 Million to Manitoba’s GDP in 2018, spending a total of \$329 million (Source: <https://www.ofah.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Economic-Footprint-Analysis-of-AHTS.pdf>) on hunting and shooting in the Province.

Please consider a motion similar to Alberta that supports responsible hunters and firearm owners and find alternatives to the core causes of gun violence and crime.

I eagerly await your reply and your support in this matter.

Sincerely,