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Mr. Cliff Healy
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 12, and 14, 2012, regarding firearms licence fees.

On April 5, 2012, Bill C-19 received Royal Assent and came into force, thereby removing the requirement for individuals and businesses to register non-restricted firearms. We also said we would destroy all the data associated with the long-gun registry in order to ensure that it is never revised. I am extremely proud to announce that as of October 31, 2012, we have delivered on that commitment, with the exception of data related to non-restricted firearms in Quebec due to the judicial injunction.

We are also taking steps to address the concerns of firearms owners with respect to regulations regarding gun shows and the marking of firearms. Once our Government completes these initiatives, I will assess the need for other possible reforms. Your concerns will inform the next steps that we take.

While previous acquisition documents such as the old Firearms Acquisition Certificate were useful in their time for local screening of firearms purchasers, today's renewable firearms licence is more relevant and credible in public safety situations because the holder's personal information, photograph and screening status are up to date. This information is also available to police in a national database for public safety purposes.

Going back to our days as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, our Government has been steadfast in its support for law-abiding firearms owners in every region of the country.

Additional information on the Canadian Firearms Program is available on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp or by calling 1-800-731-4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vic Toews'.

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.