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Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada
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*RE: Recent Handgun “Freeze” for Canadians and Subsequent Amendments – Inclusion of IPSC Members as Elite Sport Shooting Athletes*

Dear Member of Parliament

My name is (MEMBERS NAME). I am a local elite athlete competing in the Sport of International Practical Shooting Confederation, (IPSC)

I am writing you looking for your support to have IPSC added to the Bill C-21 as a discipline under

**97.1.(i)**that they are training, competing, or coaching in a handgun shooting discipline that is on the programme of the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee,

This would be an amendment to bill C-21, and your support is requested to consider and ultimately implement this amendment during the 3rd reading of the legislative process.

As an IPSC athlete, I train multiple hours every week to compete at my local level. My goal is to advance to Provincial Championships and qualify for a slot to compete at our National Championships. With the ultimate goal to represent Canada at the world level Championships held every three years. One of our members won a silver medal at the recent IPSC world championships in Thailand, attended by over 1345 athletes from over 75 countries.

IPSC is an official member of the Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF), and Alliance of Independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS). AIMS is recognised by the International Olympic committee and has signed a memorandum of understanding between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International governing body for IPSC.

IPSC is a recognized sport in 109 Countries. All of whom have various levels of firearm regulations including, New Zealand, Australia, France, and Germany.

I ask that as the government continues to protect the safety of Canadians that you also consider protecting the rights of athletes to continue in their sport of choice and to continue to purchase/sell/trade their equipment to other athletes of IPSC in Canada.

IPSC is both a lifestyle and highly competitive sport enjoyed by almost 5,000 members across Canada with over 2000 in Ontario. Our membership is very diverse, embracing all genders and ages. One of our oldest athletes is 88.

Please protect our right to enjoy a sport that can last a lifetime. I ask you side with many of your constituents regarding this matter.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to reach out for further information.

Members Name

Members Address

Members Email Address