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## **DCRA Response to Firearms Ban**

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For over 150 years the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has operated under the mandate of promoting marksmanship and the safe handling and use of firearms across Canada. Like all Canadians, we are saddened, shocked, and angered by gun violence in our communities. We understand the Government's need to take steps to limit the illegal use of firearms, and support them in achieving that goal.

Today's action by the Government of Canada has unjustly and disproportionately affected our members, and the law-abiding gun owners of Canada, who are statistically among the least likely to be involved in criminal activity. It also ignores the legitimate sporting use of semi-automatic rifles for target shooting competitions. Since the late 1970s we have safely conducted National Championships alongside our partners in law enforcement and the Canadian Armed Forces that included the civilian use of rifles that as of today have been deemed prohibited under the nominal aim of increasing public safety.

As an Association we are actively working to examine our next steps to ensure that the safe and legitimate practice of our sport can continue.

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