

Our feelings on Bill C-83 we feel are expressed perfectly by the Deputy Premier of the Province of British Columbia, the Hon. Grace McCarthy. On April 15th last, she stated in a letter to one of our members on the subject of Bill C-83, "While we agree with the prime objective of Federal Gun Controls, that is, to increase the accountability and liability of every person who owns and uses firearms, we believe that the form of the current proposals will neither enhance gun owner liability nor will it reduce the criminal usage of firearms. It would seem that the only real and lasting means of instilling social accountability and legal liability in gun users is by the training and educational process, and this is sadly lacking in the approach made by the Federal proposals."

We thank the members of this Committee for giving us the opportunity to present our views and concerns on Bill C-83 and we trust they will be of some help to your deliberations.

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