

"Nothing in this section, nor in this Act shall be construed, interpreted or applied as authorizing the requirement that any applicant for a licence to possess firearms or ammunition shall supply a list or description of his shotguns or rifles of a kind commonly used in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes."

Certainly this Association has no power or right to move amendments, however, we do have the right and the duty to suggest amendments to you. We do suggest to you that the amendment we propose would go further than any other amendment we can think of to gain support for Bill C-83 from the very people who will be most affected by it, because the amendment in effect constitutes for them a Bill of Rights guaranteeing that they shall not be subjected in future to what they most fear, sporting firearm registration, without further reference to Parliament.

The amendment further has the virtue that it satisfies the complaint of many gun owners in Canada now that, while Bill C-83 as presently written does not specifically require firearm registration, it is so loosely written that it also does not prevent the future arbitrary imposition of sporting firearm registration. In dealing with controversial legislation to be imposed upon a minority of Canadians justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done, and the amendment we suggest also fulfils that requirement.

If the Committee is to advise passage of Bill C-83 in any form, we urge that you, at the very least, include the amendment we suggest.

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