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Dear Mr. _____

My colleague the Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, has forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence concerning the Ruger Mini 14. I regret the delay in responding.

As you know, the classification of firearms, their components, and other weapons contained in the *Criminal Code* fall within my portfolio. The Ruger Mini 14 is not currently a restricted or prohibited firearm; however, there is a prohibition with respect to large capacity cartridge magazines limiting them to a maximum of five rounds for this type of firearm.

* { The Government of Canada is committed to introducing legislation to prohibit the Ruger Mini 14 at the earliest opportunity during this session of Parliament. The criterion for prohibiting firearms is whether they are reasonable for use in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Irwin Cotler

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