



July 24, 2008

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The Rt. Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister, Government of Canada
Prime Minister's Office
Langevin Block, 80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Single-tier Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) as a follow up to MARCO's meeting on Friday, July 18, 2008. MARCO member municipalities represent more than 70 percent of the population of Ontario. The members of MARCO are responsible for the provision of critical social, cultural and physical and economic infrastructure to local municipalities and their respective communities. MARCO meets on a regular basis to identify emerging and ongoing issues that impact the financial sustainability of our municipalities or the services or service delivery in our municipalities. At our July meeting the issue of gun violence in Ontario was discussed and MARCO agreed to lend its support to Mayor David Miller's call for action on the part of the federal government.

MARCO believes the Government of Canada should take action to address gun violence and to assure Canadians that our communities are safe and secure. In addition to a domestic hand gun ban, the federal government should do everything possible to stop the flow of foreign hand guns into the country, which would include working to strengthen anti-gun smuggling border security.

A successful gun violence strategy requires your government's action and on behalf of our communities we encourage you to take the necessary action on an urgent and dedicated basis.

Yours sincerely,

c Mayor David Miller

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