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Ms. Marilyn Toft Council Secretariat Support City of Toronto City Hall, 12th Floor, West 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Toft:

Thank you for your letter of May 14 and for sharing Toronto City Council's motion regarding data on non-restricted firearms registered to Ontario owners. I appreciate your informing me of council's position.

Our government believes that the federal Firearms Registry saves lives, protects communities and prevents crimes. We have raised our concerns about abolishing the long-gun registry with the federal government. On February 10, 2012, Ontario's Attorney General and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services sent a joint letter to the Honourable Vic Toews, federal Minister of Public Safety, stating our government's position. Minister Toews replied to the request stating that the destruction of the records was a necessary part of fulfilling his government's commitment to eliminate the registry and, therefore, no records would be shared with provincial or territorial governments.

I note that you have sent a copy of your letter to my colleague the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. I trust that she will also give council's views her consideration.

Thank you again for the information. I welcome council's input on this or any other issue of provincial concern. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

Dalton McGuinty Premier

c: The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur

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