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Autumn House
Amherst, NS

Dear Premier Dexter and the NDP Caucus:

Bryony House
Halifax, NS

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you about the federal Bill C-19, that will abolish the Gun Registry, and destroy years of data and essentially wash the billions that were spent to make women safer, down the drain.

Cape Breton Transition
House Association
Sydney, NS

If this bill passes in its current state these are the safeguards we will lose:

Chrysalis House
Kentville, NS

- **Remove the requirement** that gun owners' **licenses be verified** when they purchase a firearm;
- **End the registration** of rifles and shotguns, including the military-style semi-automatic Ruger Mini-14 used in the Montreal Massacre and in the recent shootings in Norway;
- **Enable individuals to acquire an unlimited number of guns**, including powerful semi-automatics, without coming to the authorities' attention that they may be planning to commit some heinous act, or sell them to criminals;
- **Eliminate the requirement that gun dealers must record who purchases new firearms**, a measure that has been in place in one form or another for more than 30 years and is essential for enabling crime guns to be traced and for prosecuting people who distribute guns to unlicensed criminals;
- **Destroy the records** of the 7.1 million rifles and shotguns that are currently registered, which will cripple the police's ability to trace any of these guns to their last legal owners if they end up being used in crimes; and,
- **Take away a tool used by police officers** virtually every day to enforce prohibition orders, take preventive actions, and remove guns from dangerous people.

Harbour House
Bridgewater, NS

Juniper House
Yarmouth & Digby, NS

Leeside Society
Port Hawkesbury, NS

Naomi Society
Antigonish, NS

Tearmann House
New Glasgow, NS

During the 16 Days of Action to End Violence against Women, as the governing party in NS, you can send a clear message to the CANADIAN Government that NS has lost too many women and men to gun violence. We have a new Domestic Violence Action Plan. Let us protect it by attempting to keep the gun registry and if not that, to keep the data, so that it could be reinstated under a new federal government. Only Quebec has been loud and clear in its defense of the registry and efforts to save the data. Other provinces, particularly Nova Scotia, need to stand up for women and for public safety.

Third Place
Truro, NS

We know you believe in the safety of women. On behalf of women and their families in NS, please take a stand on Bill C-19.

Mi'kmaw Family
Healing Centres
Truro & Waycobah, NS

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Halifax, NS

Thank you

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