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## Open letter to All Members of Parliament

Upon reviewing Stats Can data on homicides in Canada, some very disturbing facts were found. Of the 611 homicides in 2016, a staggering 588 are reported as having known ties to organized crime or street gangs. That is 96.24%. The trend has increased since 2011. That leaves 23 homicides that have unknown connections. Suicides are counted separately. We know there have been some terrorists each year and family honour killings too. We should expect similar magnitudes in 2017 when they release the data.

<b>Homicides</b>						
Stats Can Data	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Table: 35-10-0075-01						
Total	606	548	509	522	609	611
<b>Links to Organized Crime or Street Gangs</b>						
Unknown	51	38	24	26	23	23
<b>Known</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>588</b>
%	<b>91.58%</b>	<b>93.07%</b>	<b>95.28%</b>	<b>95.02%</b>	<b>96.22%</b>	<b>96.24%</b>

- **Why do we need to ban guns for law-abiding Canadians?**

The table above illustrates number of homicides due to unknown links to the bad guys is dropping—noting a 55% drop since 2011. There is no “spike” or “dramatic increase” in law-abiding citizens using guns or any other method to commit homicides.

Today CBC news reported: [John Paul Tasker · CBC News · Posted: Sep 12, 2018 7:27 AM ET]

***‘Blair told CBC News on Tuesday "there's an urgency" to the gun control issue and he is prepared to look at "any measure" to reduce violence. "We are absolutely resolved to do what is necessary to keep communities safe," he said.'***

Well Right Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction, there sure is an urgency.

- **When are you going to reduce the homicides due to organized crime and street gangs?**
- **Why are you targeting law-abiding gun owners?**
- **Are you going to report back to the Prime Minister that the government needs to tackle criminal organizations instead of legal gun owners?**

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The government continues to falsely claim the majority of guns are coming from domestic sources. September 8, 2018, Matt Gurney of Global News reported, “**Data shows Toronto’s gun ‘surge’ never happened**”.

When you look at the means of homicide, Stats Can has 223 of the 611 related to firearms with no distinction of firearm type either. That is 36% of the homicides. The data clearly identifies non-firearm methods account for 64% of the homicides in 2016.

- **So why are you so quick to ban handguns and semi-automatic firearms?**

<b>Methods used to commit homicide</b>						
Stats Can Data	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Table: 35-10-0069-01						
Total methods used	548	509	522	609	611	
Shooting	171	134	155	179	223	
Stabbing	164	195	189	216	175	
Beating	115	102	101	134	116	
Strangulation	45	45	33	39	37	
Fire (burns or suffocation)	17	5	7	7	11	
Other methods used 4	21	18	23	14	28	
Methods used unknown	15	10	14	20	21	

Law-abiding gun owners refuse to be labeled as the problem in Canada. The problem is the ineffective action of the federal government using scare tactics and false statements to mislead the media and the public on the true problem.

Besides making us the scapegoats with your statements based on false data about the phoney surge of gun crime and that a majority of guns from domestic sources, we are also victims of the criminals stealing our property.

- **Why do you blame the victims when their guns are stolen?**

We, law abiding citizens, demand that politicians stop marginalizing us and start producing tangible results to protect us from the real problem of organized crime and street gangs.