



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01700**

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PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **HONOURABLE JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD**

Response by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Firearms

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

The Government believes in implementing effective measures with respect to firearms that prioritize public safety, while remaining mindful of the need for such measures to be manageable for firearms owners and businesses. Naturally, the safety of firearms users is always a paramount consideration.

Any device intended to muffle the sound of a firearm has been unlawful in Canada since the early 1900s. Sound reduction or elimination diminishes the public's ability to react to gun violence and makes it harder for law enforcement to become aware of a possible criminal incident.

The Minister of Justice encourages firearms owners to make use of other forms of hearing protection that are commonly available and that do not adversely impact public safety.