



May 18, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C.
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Re: B.C. Bill 4 - the Firearm Violence Prevention Act

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to you on behalf of the B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF), representing 43,000 members and 100 clubs.

Our members are very concerned that the government is rushing B.C. Bill 4 into law before the public can discover that many (if not most) provisions have not been well thought out. As was pointed out in Victoria by MLA Adam Olsen, the government has failed to consult with First Nations and key stakeholders, such as B.C. Wildlife Federation, or any lawful and responsible firearms organizations this Bill would directly and adversely impact.

Bill 4 consists of unnecessary restrictions that either duplicate the existing Criminal Code or impose additional and confusing provincial offences with no likelihood of reducing violent crime. Bill 4 will create additional administrative burdens and costs, with direct and immediate harm to many lawful citizens, and negatively impact Public Safety and Security. Many of the small and medium size ranges in B.C. that also are used for training Law Enforcement Officers will likely have to close.

The lack of consultation alone reduces the credibility of your government and undermines public willingness to comply. The government's failure to provide evidence that supports any of the sections in this Bill suggests that an empirical basis for this legislation is nonexistent.

I urge the government to table Bill 4 until it undertakes meaningful and substantial consultation with the BCWF, member clubs, lawful firearms owners, First Nations, and the public.

I specifically respectfully request that your government provide a meaningful opportunity for the BCWF to consult with Minister Farnworth in the re-drafting of this legislation.

Thank you for considering my requests.

Yours in conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Bosch'.

Bill Bosch
President
B.C. Wildlife Federation

Cc Minister of Public Safety and every MLA in the house