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Commissioner Bob Paulson  
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Dear Mr. Paulson,

As Commissioner of the RCMP and Commissioner of Firearms, I am writing you today for an explanation of the recent decision to reclassify, as prohibited, the SAN Swiss Arms PE90 "Classic Green" carbine and CZ858 (2P, 2V, 4P) rifles.

Both firearms have been sold legally and used for many years in Canada without criminal incident; why is there a need to reclassify them now?

I would like a detailed explanation on why the two rifles in question were reclassified, including specific Firearms Reference Table criteria used to reclassify these firearms.

I am disturbed to hear that there will be no compensation offered to owners compelled to surrender these firearms after legally acquiring them – often at a cost of thousands. When no law has been broken, government confiscation of private property should only occur under the most urgent circumstances, and always with compensation. What buy-back program or compensation assurance will the RCMP offer to owners forced to surrender formerly legal firearms in general, and specifically in the case of the Swiss Arms Classic Green carbine and CZ858 rifles?

Thank you for your cooperation in providing this information. While a response in writing is required, a meeting with yourself, Deputy Commissioner Henschel of Specialized Policing Services, or the Director-General of the Canadian Firearms Program may be required as a follow-up.

Sincerely,

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