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Hon. Chris Bentley
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Ministry of the Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Bentley,

It is my understanding that the Province of Ontario has commenced proceedings of forfeiture on the family home of Bruce Montague, the firearms activist convicted of possession of an unregistered firearm. It is also my understanding that Mr. Montague did not profit by his expression of political dissent but that the home, currently occupied by his family, was built over a six year period by the family primarily with money from a family inheritance and lawful occupation.

On behalf of our 15,000 members in Ontario, I must protest this action in the strongest terms. I believe I understand the intention of Ontario's "proceeds of crime" legislation and I do not think this is how its drafters perceived its use.

Mr. Montague is neither a drug dealer nor a purveyor in criminal weapons, merely an individual taking a stand for what he believes is right. To use this legislation to deprive his family of their legally acquired home is wrong.

Please reconsider this action. While most people applaud the Ontario government for its forceful stand against crime, this action has the potential to blossom into an ugly, and very public, incident.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best wishes,

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