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Caroline Maynard  
Information Commissioner of Canada  
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Dear Commissioner Maynard,

As Chair of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics I am writing today to express my support for your decision to refer the case involving Minister Goodale's refusal to disclose portions of the firearms reference table records to federal court for review.

I find it deeply concerning that Minister Goodale has refused to provide the Canadian citizen who made the ATIP request with this information, especially following your ruling that he do so. The firearms reference table has been used by the RCMP as the basis for classification and is already widely shared with international law enforcement partners and firearms industry groups. It is also concerning that the RCMP have tried to change their reasoning for the refusal during your investigation in an effort to withhold these documents.

It is my understanding that the Canadian citizen involved has agreed to move forward with this case. It is my hope that Minister Goodale will ultimately obey the law, follow your ruling and provide the individual with the information that has been requested and whose complaint you have concluded to be well-founded.

Sincerely,

Bob Zimmer  
Member of Parliament  
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c.c. Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness