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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to make a submission regarding the exposure draft of the Customs (Prohibited
Imports) Amendment (Firearms and Weapons) Regulations 2021.

As a lawful firearms owner I am concerned by and disappointed with the proposal to restrict the importation of “self-ejecting, manual-loading” shotguns as
outlined in:

Item 11 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (at the end of the cell at table item 3, column 2)
Item 12 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (table item 3, column 3)
Item 13 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (table item 4, column 3)
Item 14 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (table item 6, column 2, paragraph (d))
Item 15 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (table item 6, column 2, after paragraph (d))

I believe that these changes would prevent many lawful shotguns from being imported for hunting or target shooting use by recreational shooters such as myself, and I strongly opposed this.

I am of the opinion that these shotguns should not be restricted from import for recreational shooters. As shotguns such as lever action shotguns are old technology working on the same action that is over 100 years old and have been accessible to lawful firearm owners well before the National Firearms Agreement (NFA). Lever action and other self-ejecting, manual-loading shotguns were not affected by the introduction of the NFA as they pose no significant public safety risk. There has been no increase in crime or public safety risks regarding these firearms since the NFA that would warrant a change in the laws regarding the import of these firearms.

As a lawful firearms owner, hunter, recreational and sports shooter, who would be directly affected and negatively impacted by the adoption of the proposed changes, I request that the Bill be amended so “self-ejecting manual loading repeating action shotguns” are treated the same as a Category A or B hunting or sporting shotgun.

Thank you for considering my submission.
Yours sincerely,

(Name and Contact Details)