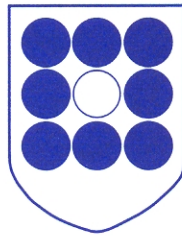


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The Honourable Vic Toews
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Dear Minister:

We understand that the federal and provincial governments are currently working to develop national standards for the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) by police. In the CCLA's view, this is a positive step that we hope will bring greater clarity to the conditions under which CEWs can be deployed. The development of appropriate national standards could help enhance public confidence in police.

As part of our long-standing interest in the issue of police accountability, the CCLA has been monitoring the use of CEWs for several years. During this time, we have been involved in CEW policy discussions in various forums. We have made submissions to governments and comments to the media on various CEW-related issues. As a result of this experience, the CCLA has developed positions on several key CEW issues that are summarized in our brief *A Measured Approach to Conducted Energy Weapons*, which is enclosed for your review.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to further discuss the contents of this brief, as well as our perspective on other issues that may arise through the process of developing national CEW standards. Please advise at your earliest convenience as to whether such a meeting will be possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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