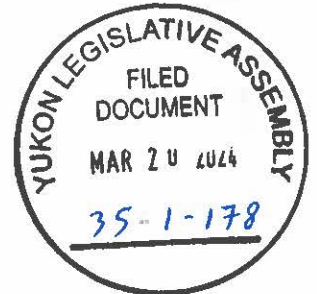




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Dear Minister LeBlanc:

RE: Appointment of Chief Firearms Officer resident in the Yukon

Thank you for your letter inviting a discussion on the potential appointment of a Chief Firearms Officer resident in the Yukon. I appreciate your efforts to hear directly from Northerners on the concerns raised by Senators in their review of Bill C-21, *An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)*.

From the Government of Yukon's perspective, the service provided to the Yukon by the Chief Firearms Officer based in British Columbia has worked well to date. However, we would be interested to explore the potential benefits of a Chief Firearms Officer resident in the territory. I suggest that your officials connect with their counterparts in the Yukon Department of Justice to discuss all pertinent considerations in more detail.

Thank you again for taking steps to understand and address the concerns raised in the Senators' review of Bill C-21. I look forward to our ongoing dialogue on this and other important issues in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ranj Pillai
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cc. The Honourable Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Justice, Government of Yukon