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THE SECRETARY OF POLICE

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Dear Sir

RE: COMMENTS ON THE FIREARMS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL

1. We refer to the above and your letter dated the 3rd of June 2021.
2. With respect, a number of the statements that you have made in your communication are erroneous.
3. Firstly, the writer has perused the Minutes of the Portfolio Committee meeting of the 5th of November 2014.
4. To quote Mr Soman of your office: "*the Bill dealt mainly with technical amendments.*" There was nothing of substance in the 2015 Bill that was even vaguely similar to the 2021 Bill.
5. The five points that you have set out in paragraph 2 were not resolved at the committee meeting, they were in fact raised and discussed at the subsequent Firearms Summit.

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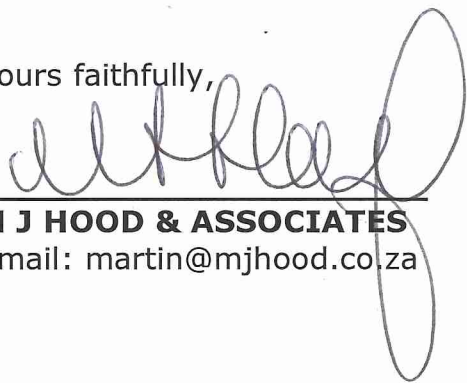
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6. There was no separate process where interested members could make comments to your office (unless that process was available only to selected participants?) and no submissions that the writer is aware of were made by the pro firearm participants to your office.
 7. You are incorrect in stating the second day of the Summit focussed on the Firearms Control Amendment Bill of 2015.
 8. The topics discussed on day two were the implementation of the Firearms Control Act (not the Amendment Bill) the implementation of the national development plan, a report back by the Deputy Minister on an oversight visit to the Central Firearm Registry, a report by the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority and some general debate at the end of the second day.
 9. The writer will gladly make the Minutes of both days available to you.
 10. The Firearms Summit did not highlight the need for stricter gun control: it highlighted the need for proper implementation of the Act as it is, and we would suggest you look at the report of the Deputy Minister of Police, Mrs Maggie Soty. You seem to be deliberately ignoring facts and issues that do not suit the somewhat narrow perspective adopted by the Secretariat.
 11. It is clear (because your Mr Rapea was not Secretary at the time) that you have been misled by persons within the Secretariat.
 12. It is of great concern to the writer that the Secretariat has only a one-sided view of the control of firearms in South Africa and that you are prepared to put your reputation at risk by not factually checking what you are told prior to signing a formal letter.
 13. Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M J Hood', written over a horizontal line.

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