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Dear Mr Rapea,

APPLICATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT FIREARMS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL, 2021

1. I write to you in my capacity as Chairperson of the South African Gunowners' Association (SAGA), which is the voice of South Africa's law-abiding citizens.
2. We protect the right of law-abiding and responsible citizens who choose to own and use firearms for self-defence, sport, hunting, recreation, business or other legitimate purposes.
3. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the deadline for submissions of comments to the Bill.
4. The draft Bill was only made available for comment on 24th May 2021 with a deadline for comments on 4 July 2021.
5. Upon studying the Bill we have realized that it contains many unacceptable, draconian and unconstitutional provisions to which we are totally opposed. However, we need to consult as widely as possible with our members on the number and nature of the objections we wish to raise as our membership-base is wide and varied.
6. Apart from our own membership, we are aware that most, if not all, other associations in the firearms industry including civil society, are equally opposed to the Bill and will need sufficient time to prepare their objections. In addition we need sufficient time to consult with all the roleplayers so we can ensure our input on the Bill is all encompassing.
7. We place on record that there has been no consultation with SAGA or any other association in the industry that we are aware of as referred to in the introduction of this Bill. SAGA is, and has been an important stakeholder in these issues in the past and we are gravely concerned and suspicious about the lack of engagement from your office.
8. What is most worrying is the apparent collusion between your office and Gun Free South Africa,

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which leads us to suspect that you are entirely biased towards the firearms industry as a whole and that we may not receive the fair treatment that we are constitutionally entitled to. We further place on record that we reserve all our rights to report this to the Public Protector should you fail in any way to allay our fears and suspicions.

9. We have no guarantee that our objections will be fairly treated and not simply swept off the table. We will require information as to who will peruse the objections and what their level of knowledge and expertise is regarding the many controversial issues contained in the Bill are. We will also need to know who will make the decisions on suggestions received in the submissions.
10. Further various reports and documents, which are voluminous in nature, which appear to have a direct bearing and have influenced the Bill, were released late yesterday, 26th June 2021, on the CSOP website, and SAGA and the other firearm rights organisations require sufficient time to correctly study the documentation.
11. As set out above, we require sufficient and reasonable time to conduct proper consultations with our members and other organisations, to enable us make proper submissions.
12. In the circumstances we formally request an extension on the time period required to make submissions on the Bill
13. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GUNOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Enslin', is written over a horizontal line.

DAMIAN ENSLIN

Chairperson