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Dear Deputy Chief Sischer-Groban,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed referendum question on the Firearms Regulations Act.

After reviewing the suggested language, I must respectfully express concern that it does not meet the standard of a "fair and neutral one-sentence statement." As currently drafted, the wording appears to go beyond a neutral description and instead presents the issue in a manner that could influence voter perception.

Specifically:

- **Clarity and Neutrality:** The description accompanying a "Yes" vote should be clear, concise, and free from descriptive or persuasive language. The current phrasing includes terminology that may be interpreted as advocating for a particular outcome rather than objectively describing the measure.
- **Balanced Representation:** The selective inclusion of terms such as "ghost guns, machine guns, and assault-style weapons" highlights certain aspects of the law while omitting other provisions that may be subject to debate. This creates an imbalance, particularly in the absence of comparable context within the "No" description.
- **Voter Understanding and Structure:** The intent of the petition is to repeal the "Act to Modernize Firearms." However, the proposed structure—where a "Yes" vote results in maintaining the current law—runs counter to common voter expectations and introduces unnecessary confusion.

To ensure transparency and voter comprehension, I recommend that the language be simplified and presented in a direct and neutral manner, without interpretation or commentary.

Recommended Language (Preferred Format):

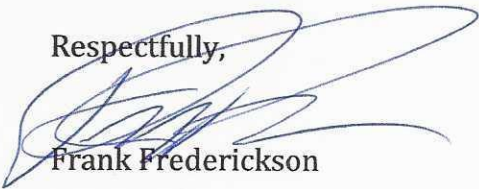
Ref.	Referendum on Existing Law: An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws	Firearms Regulation	A YES VOTE would repeal the law.
			A NO VOTE would keep the current law in place the law,

Alternative Language (If Structure Can't Be Changed):

Ref.	Referendum on Existing Law: An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws	Firearms R Regulation	A YES VOTE would keep the current law in place the law, .
			A NO VOTE would repeal the law

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter. I would welcome any further discussion.

Respectfully,



Frank Frederickson