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The Honourable Steven Blaney
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario   K1A 0A6

Re: Public Safety, Gun Crime and Canada's Armoured Car Industry

Dear Minister Blaney,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your response to my initial communication (sent September 12, 2013), wherein I requested a meeting with you to discuss our concerns regarding Canada's armoured car sector. Your response is appreciated. However, given the pressing need to improve industry safety regulations, and the important role your office will play in this effort for the benefit of the public and workers, we feel it is most appropriate to have this conversation with you directly.

I was informed that you had previously, and personally, met with Teamsters Canada representatives, on at least one occasion last November on a related matter. I understand that a follow-up meeting was held between the Teamsters union and your staff again in Ottawa this past December. We would appreciate the same opportunity to discuss our recommendations with you, directly, at your earliest possible convenience. In light of the recent robbery of a two-person crew that took place in Toronto on January 20, you will appreciate my urgency in setting up this meeting with you.

Jenny Ahn, Assistant to the President, will again follow up with your office to secure a meeting with a delegation of Unifor staff and armoured car local union leadership.

We look forward to a positive response and a chance to discuss with you these important issues.

Sincerely,

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