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September 23, 2026

Heidi Rathjen and co-signatories
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Dear Ms. Rathjen and co-signatories:

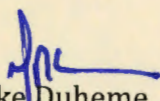
Thank you for your correspondence of September 13, 2026, reiterating your concerns with the delay in information being released with respect to the models and legal status of the firearms used in the recent school shooting in Tumbler Ridge.

I appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention and wish to assure you that ensuring the accuracy of information communicated and the wellness of those impacted by this tragic event is of the utmost concern to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). However, the information conveyed in my response of March 12, 2026, remains unchanged: the information you are seeking is subject to an active investigation, which will conclude only once all investigative avenues have been exhausted and the evidence suggests there are no additional leads to follow. The specific timeline for the investigation depends on the progress of gathering and analysis of digital and physical evidence and so cannot be determined in advance.

I also wish to reiterate that I respect the British Columbia Coroner Service's announcement of a Coroner's Inquest. The RCMP is committed to participating fully in this process if and when our officers, employees, or subject matter experts are called to provide evidence. The RCMP will conduct a thorough review of any recommendations made by the Coroner to determine their implications and how to best implement them, if necessary. Please rest assured that applying lessons learned from tragedies such as this is of the utmost importance to the RCMP and its executive cadre.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,


Mike Duheme
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