

Subject: Private Member's Motion M-167

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Dear Crime Watch Associations of Alberta,

In regards to the significant increase in rural crime in recent years, such as an escalation in theft, assault, and burglary, MP Shannon Stubbs has proposed a Private Member's Motion asking the government to begin a study on rural crime. The text of the motion is as follows:

M-167—Shannon Stubbs—That the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security be instructed to undertake a study on rural crime in Canada and consider factors, including but not limited to: (i) current rural crime rates and trends; (ii) existing RCMP and other policing resources and policies in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities, particularly in relation to population density, policing geographic area, and staff shortages; (iii) current partnerships with provincial and municipal police; (iv) possible recommendations to improve rural crime prevention and to curb emerging crime rates, and that the committee report its findings to the House within six months of the adoption of this motion.

The reason I'm contacting you is to ask for an endorsement of this motion. A short quote, 1 – 2 sentences long, would be appreciated, and every contribution will help get us closer to getting this motion through the House so that this serious issue can be addressed.

To further support this motion, you can contact any of the following MPs who are on the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (as listed below), and/or contact your local Member of Parliament.

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If you would like to view the first reading for this bill, it is scheduled for March 24. House proceedings can be viewed via <http://www.cpac.ca/en/>.

Thank you,

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