

December 17, 2025

The Honourable Francis Scarpaleggia  
Speaker of the House of Commons  
Ottawa, Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Speaker,

**Re: Support for Bill C-233: Closing the U.S. Arms Export Loophole**

I write to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Group of 78, a Canadian foreign-policy non-profit working for peace and disarmament, climate action and social justice.

Our organization endorses the Private Members Bill of MP Jenny Kwan, Bill C-233, to close the U.S. arms export loophole.

In 2019, Canada signed the Arms Trade Treaty and pledged that our weapons would never be used to fuel war crimes or human rights abuses. Today, that promise is being broken.

Because of a loophole, Canadian-made weapons and components can be sent to the United States without permits or oversight. From there, they are integrated into larger weapons systems and exported to conflict zones — including Israel, where they have been used in the devastating bombardment and genocide in Gaza.

This loophole makes Canada complicit in atrocities. It allows weapons made here at home to kill civilians and destroy communities abroad, while undermining international law and Canada's own commitments to peace and human rights.

That's why the Group of 78 strongly supports the new Private Member's Bill to:

- Close the loophole that exempts exports to the United States from oversight;
- Require permits, risk assessments, and transparency for all U.S.-bound arms exports;
- Bring Canada into compliance with its obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty.

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The Private Members Bill brought forward by MP Jenny Kwan is aimed at protecting human rights and ensuring accountability. Canadians will not tolerate their government being complicit in war crimes.

We call on all Members of Parliament to support Bill C-233 and on the Canadian public to stand with us in demanding action.

Sincerely,



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