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Mrs. Jodie Goldberg  
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Dear Mrs. Goldberg: / Dear Mrs Goldberg,

I am writing in response to your correspondence of August 12, 2013. I appreciate being advised of your concerns.

Let me begin by saying that there is no more fundamental role for our Government than the safety and security of its citizens. The Government has taken a number of concrete measures to address the threat of terrorism from introducing legislation to developing policies and programs that aim to protect the safety and security of Canadian citizens here and abroad.

In April 2013, our Government passed the *Combating Terrorism Act*, which provides more tools for law enforcement to help in the investigation of terrorism offences and creates new offences of leaving or attempting to leave Canada for the purpose of committing certain terrorism offences. In June 2012, we also passed the *Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act*, which improves our ability to counter human smuggling and deter terrorists and foreign criminals from entering Canada.

*Building Resilience Against Terrorism: Canada's Counter-terrorism Strategy*, outlines our approach to preventing, detecting, denying and responding to terrorist activity and sets out the basic principles and elements that underpin the Government's counter-terrorism activities. The Strategy also provides a framework to prioritize and evaluate the Government's efforts against terrorism. You may wish to consult the Strategy at <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/rslnc-gnst-trrrsm/index-eng.aspx>.

As well, released in June, the *2013 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada* (<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trrrst-thrt-cnd/index-eng.aspx>) provides an update on the Government of Canada's perspective on the most critical developments regarding the terrorist threat in 2012 and how this impacts Canadians.

The Government also promotes government-community collaboration through initiatives such as the Cross-Cultural Roundtable on Security which brings together leading citizens from their respective communities with extensive experience in social and cultural issues to engage with the Government on long-term national security issues.

Finally, let me assure you that our national security and law enforcement agencies have a strong role to play in cases where individuals or groups move beyond lawful behaviour to encourage, threaten or support acts of violence.

Thank you for writing on this important issue. I will be sending a copy of your correspondence to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Blaney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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