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Honourable Stockwell Day  
Minister of Public Safety  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Day;

After the release of additional information and actual video related to the Robert Dziekanski case, I felt it important to request that due consideration be paid to the following concerns.

First and foremost, I would like to be assured that there will be an immediate moratorium placed on the use of tasers. I ask that all government agencies and law enforcement officers cease to use tasers until their safety and effectiveness are investigated.

Secondly, I ask that a complete and thorough investigation be conducted into the events leading up to the tasing of Mr. Dziekanski as well as the cause of his death. I request that the findings from these investigations be made public as soon as possible. The Canadian Association of Police Chiefs has said that the police research centre will update a report issued in 2005 on tasers. Rather than merely updating a report, I feel that the new findings should be released to the public so that all Canadians are aware of the possible dangers and side effects related to the use of tasers.

It is also important to review all immigration and airport policies and procedures to ensure that newly arrived individuals to Canada are provided with and have access to proper settlement and language services. It is important to have the proper services in place to ensure that newcomers are not detained or abandoned for 10 hours as it was in the case of Mr. Robert Dziekanski. In addition, I ask that the surveillance tapes from the airport be made public and provided to the panel conducting the investigation.

To ensure the bilateral relationship between Canada and Poland is maintained, all results, findings and outcomes from this investigation should be forwarded in a timely fashion to the Polish Foreign Ministry.

Finally, I would appreciate your guarantee that all findings from the inquest into the death of Mr. Dziekanski be made public. Furthermore, that any and all necessary action be taken to see that such events are not repeated.

I look forward to our meeting on Wednesday November 21, 2007 and discussing these concerns.

Sincerely,  
  
Wladyslaw Lizon  
National President  
Canadian Polish Congress