



Bill C-391 to Abolish the Long Gun Registry

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The British Columbia Conservative Party applauds the Federal Government for their unwavering commitment to eliminate the hated and wasteful Long Gun Registry enacted by the Federal Liberal Government in December of 1998.

Bill C-391, a Private Members Bill introduced by Conservative MP Candice Hoepfner, amends the Firearms Act by removing the requirement to register millions of common rifles and shotguns. With a majority vote which crossed party lines, this bill passed second reading on November 4 and will now go to committee for further study.

Despite unsubstantiated claims to the contrary, the Handgun Registry and strict licensing provisions in the Firearms Act will be unaffected by this amendment and public safety will not be compromised.

The dissolution of the registry will free up scarce resources which can then be committed to combat the ever increasing problem of gang wars fueled by illegal firearms smuggled into Canada by drug gangs and organized crime.

As approximately 85% of firearms used in criminal activity are smuggled into this country, Canadians will benefit from the reallocation of resources to combat this threat to public safety rather than having the government and police continue to waste time and energy regulating law-abiding citizens.

“This is a good first step in bringing some sanity to Canada’s firearms control system. Canadians deserve simple and cost effective firearms legislation which achieves verifiable public safety goals”, said BC Conservative Party president, Wayne McGrath

“A BC Conservative government would pass legislation protecting private property from intrusions by a future federal government that may wish to resurrect the firearms registry at some point so that law-abiding citizens will never have their freedoms and private property threatened again.”

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