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Chief William Blair
President
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
582 Somerset Street West
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Dear Chief Blair:

RE: NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTRY

As Chief of the Charlottetown Police Services, I am writing to express my continued support of the national firearms registry.

Charlottetown Police Services and indeed other agencies in Prince Edward Island have long supported the registry given that it is a valuable investigative tool for law enforcement.

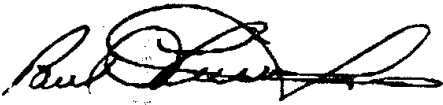
Regular updates from the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST), have demonstrated that officers regularly utilize the national firearms registry to prevent crimes, investigate offences and trace firearms.

Having had the opportunity to furnish a member of this agency and to house the PEI NWEST unit, we know first hand how extremely useful the national firearms registry is to police. Where comments are made to the contrary would come from those that don't understand the registration process or are unaware of how to apply the vital information the registry can provide.

If the registry were to be abolished, it would eliminate officers' ability to hold people responsible for firearms offences and would restrict our ability to investigate gun crimes.

Thank you for your continued support, efforts and leadership and for the opportunity to lend my with respect to maintaining the registry, which is another measure to assist all of us to ensure safer communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Paul Smith". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

A. Paul Smith
Chief of Police