

In their own words / Ce qu'ils en disent :
Support for the Liberal Gun Registry proposal
Appui aux réformes libérales du registre des armes à feu

(Quotes provided in their original language / Citations retranscrites dans leur langue d'origine)

"POLICE & LIBERALS SUPPORT THE GUN REGISTRY" (**Northumberland View, May 6, 2010**)

Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB), the Canadian Police Association (CPA), and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP)

"The firearms registry is an important component of our strategy to prevent misuse of firearms. We support the licensing of firearms owners as well as the registration of all firearms. The registry provides police with critical information about who owns firearms and the firearms they own, thereby preventing dangerous people and criminals from possessing firearms." (Joint Statement on Firearms, www.truthsandmyths.ca, May 2010)

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair

"Police chiefs and police officers who work right across Canada, in rural communities and in urban communities in every region of this country use this registry and they use it to keep those communities safe." (CTV, April 20, 2010)

Alain Perreault, président de l'Association des étudiants de Polytechnique (1989-1990)

« Nous étions convaincus, et nous le sommes toujours, que l'enregistrement de toutes les armes était une mesure logique, raisonnable et efficace. En fait, vingt ans plus tard, nous pouvons constater que le registre est un monument concret et authentique à la mémoire de ces quatorze victimes, parce qu'il sauve des vies. » (www.polysesouvient.ca, communiqué de presse, le 6 mai 2010)

Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley

"The gun registry has provided over 7,000 sworn statements to support the prosecution of firearms-related crime. These documents help support the arrest of criminals, often before they commit violence. They can also support the seizure of illegal guns, disrupt gang activity, and help prevent theft, violence and home invasions. If this information disappears, judges and justices of the peace will have less information before them, which will mean less support for arrest and search warrants that police need to keep our communities safe." (The Hill Times, December 14, 2009)

Mme. Nathalie Villeneuve, présidente, Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale

« Lutter contre toutes les formes de violence à l'égard des femmes signifie mettre en place des systèmes de contrôle et de suivi qui permettent de responsabiliser les propriétaires d'armes et, par conséquent, de diminuer le nombre de décès et blessures par armes à feu. C'est ce que le registre concourt à faire. Il faut aussi tenter de prévenir l'intimidation par arme à feu, peu mentionnée dans les débats actuels. C'est une forme de violence pernicieuse qui affecte des centaines de femmes au Québec. » (Éléments de preuve présentés au Comité permanent de la sécurité publique, le 6 mai 2010)

Chief Jack Ewatski, president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and Chief of the Winnipeg Police Force

"We've always said that information is the lifeblood of policing. The more information we can give our front-line officers, the better position they're in to perform their duties. If the registry is shut down or even if the long-gun registry is shut down, they're going to lose an important database of information and that would be very unfortunate." (Globe and Mail, May 16, 2006)

Steven Tanner, Kingston Police Chief

"It should be maintained. I know if it ends up solving one major crime or keeping one police officer or citizen safer ... it's all worthwhile." (The Whig-Standard, May 7, 2010)

Marc Alexandre Laroche, diplômé de Polytechnique et président de l'Association des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs de Polytechnique (2009-2010)

« Ce que nous voulons, c'est vivre dans un pays où les armes sont sévèrement contrôlées, où l'accès aux armes est le plus difficile possible pour les gens vengeurs et suicidaires, où la police a les moyens de retirer les armes d'une personne lorsqu'elle manifeste des comportements à risque. » (www.polysesouvient.ca, communiqué de presse, le 6 mai 2010)

Tony Cannavino, the Canadian Professional Police Association

"Our last six or seven police officers were killed with long guns. That's very sad." (CTV News, May 16, 2006)

Mme Heidi Rathjen, Representative, Groupe d'étudiants et de diplômés de l'École Polytechnique

"I'll just answer that very common argument—guns don't kill people, people kill people. Well, you could say the same thing about cars, that cars don't kill people, cars don't cause accidents, it's drivers who cause accidents. Nevertheless, we still have tonnes of controls on cars, as on drivers. Cars are registered and they're subject to many safety norms." (Public Safety Committee Evidence, May 6, 2010)

Carol Allison-Burra, Director of the Canadian Association of Police Boards

"From our association's perspective, the current system's benefits include: increased officer safety through more detailed awareness of the existence, quantity, and type of firearms at specified locations; preventative awareness of potential access to firearms involving persons with mental health issues; dramatically improved ability to enforce court ordered prohibitions to firearms possession made through bail, sentencing, firearm prohibitions, licence revocations, or preventative orders." (Public Safety Committee Evidence, May 4, 2010)

Deputy Commissioner William Sweeney, Senior Deputy Commissioner, RCMP

"The RCMP considers that the registration of all firearms enables individual accountability, promotes safety and life-saving measures, and is a proactive investigative tool in assisting law enforcement." (Public Safety Committee Evidence, May 4, 2010)

Superintendent Pr. Marty Cheliak, Director General, Canadian Firearms Program, RCMP

"Registration of firearms also provides an accountability mechanism linking responsibility for a firearm to an individual. It encourages owners to safely store firearms, report lost or stolen firearms, and discourages illegal sales and transfers of firearms." (Public Safety Committee Evidence, May 4, 2010)

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