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Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay
Member of Parliament
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. MacKay:

I am writing you on behalf of the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association to express our support for the national firearms registry and the joint Statement on Firearms from the Canadian Association of Police Boards, the Canadian Police Association, and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association is comprised of all of Nova Scotia's police chiefs and police leaders including RCMP. The Association has long supported the registry given that it is a valuable investigative tool for law enforcement and the role it plays in ensuring community safety. On April 30, 2009 at our Spring Meeting, the Association once again demonstrated our support for the registry by passing a motion in support of the joint position noted above.

Much had been said about the value of the registry, but I will defer to one of Nova Scotia's police officers on the front line of the fight against gun crime. In the words of Detective Tim Moser, Operations Manager for National Weapons Enforcement Support Team Eastern Region, the national firearms registry is extremely useful to police, and anyone who suggests otherwise either doesn't understand the registration process or is unaware of how to apply the vital information it provides. If the registry were to be abolished, it would eliminate officers' ability to hold people responsible for firearms offences and critically hamper our ability to investigate gun crimes.

The police leaders of Nova Scotia join our colleagues across Canada and urge you to support the firearms registry and resist the Private Members Bill C-391 to repeal the long-gun registry.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Deputy Chief Christopher J. McNeil, President
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