



May 10, 2010

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

RE: CANADIAN FIREARMS REGISTRY

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the Province of Newfoundland Labrador would like to extend our support to the CACP for their efforts in the continuance of the "Long Gun Registry".

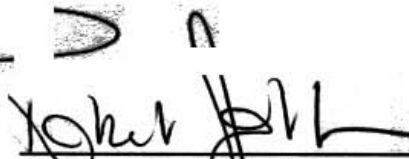
It is our professional opinion the registry has proven to be an important and valuable investigative tool for police officers in Newfoundland Labrador. The registry makes gun owners accountable for the ownership of their firearms and enforces the licensing provisions of the law. Our officers consider it an essential tool when taking preventative action and enforcing prohibition orders. The registry is commonly used to ensure all firearms are removed from an individual's possession when police are required to do so, and it also affords the ability to easily trace firearms, thus reducing the opportunities for legal guns to be diverted into illegal markets.

The Firearms Registry data base provides an important service to front line police officers. It is a valuable tool, which has significant preventative and investigative value in keeping our communities safe.

Yours truly,



W. A. (Bill) Smith, Assistant Commissioner
Commanding Officer
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Robert P. Johnston
Chief of Police
Royal Newfoundland Constabulary