



## THE GUN REGISTRY: A LIBERAL COMPROMISE

Rifles and shotguns are responsible for half the police officers killed in the line of duty over the last few years.

Since the creation of the gun registry, more than 90% of Canadian gun owners have registered their firearms. In 2009, **the gun registry was consulted by police 11,000 times per day.**

The gun registry is supported by the Canadian Police Association, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Canadian Association of Police Boards. These are the men and women who protect Canadians every day on the frontline of our system of justice, and we're committed to giving them the tools they need to help keep our communities safe.

Rural Canadians and Canadian long-gun owners have expressed legitimate frustration and criticism of the fees, paperwork, and criminal charges related to the registry.

The Liberal Party wants to maintain the integrity of the gun registry in order to protect public safety, but also wants to address the legitimate concerns

of Canadian long-gun owners by committing to making the registry more effective.

A Liberal government would improve the long-gun registry with the following measures:

- First-time failures to register firearms would be treated as a simple, non-criminal, ticketing offence, instead of a criminal offence as they are currently;
- Fees for new licenses, renewals and upgrades

would be permanently eliminated; and

- The registration process – especially the forms – would be streamlined to make registration as easy as possible.

A Liberal government would improve the long gun registry so that it better serves police, rural Canadians and Canadian long-gun owners, and will oppose the Conservative government's effort to scrap the gun registry altogether.



April 20, 2010 - Joe with Police Officers from the Canadian Police Association during their lobby day in Ottawa.

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- Joe Volpe and the Liberals
  - Stephen Harper and the Conservatives
  - Jack Layton and the NDP
  - Elizabeth May and the Green Party

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