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Le texte en français suit,

Hello,

Less than \$3 million—and not a penny more—that's how much the Government of Canada would save by repealing the long-gun registry, according to RCMP figures that the government has not disputed.

The government and the gun lobby have argued that Bill C-391 would help to eliminate waste. This is purely an attempt to win support. I, too, criticized the fact that poor management led to hundreds of millions of dollars being wasted during the establishment of the registry, but that situation is no longer applicable.

In his appearance before the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security on March 18, 2010, Bill Sweeney, RCMP Senior Deputy Commissioner, stated that he thinks the full firearms registry should be maintained. He also said there is compelling evidence that the registry promotes officer and public safety. His comments support the position of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Did you know that more women in Canada are killed by non-restricted firearms than by any other type of firearm? The registry not only helps police forces to plan their interventions more effectively, but it also prevents family violence by allowing weapons to be seized. We must remember that not all crimes are committed by criminals. Too often, unfortunately, an ordinary person can be transformed into a murderer in a moment of intense anger or during a period of depression. The registry makes it easier to seize weapons when there are signs that a person may be heading for a crisis. The registry also makes it harder to steal firearms, and it supports successful police investigations and the faster apprehension of criminals. The registry is consulted more than 10,000 times a day.

Lastly, people no longer have to pay anything to include their legal firearms in the registry. So we are asking, if we register our cars and our dogs, why not our firearms as well?

I urge you to call on the leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada and the New Democratic Party to follow the example of the Bloc Québécois leader and require their MPs to vote unanimously against Bill C-391 when it comes up for third reading.

Best regards,

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Bonjour,

Moins de 3 millions de dollars (chiffre de la GRC non contesté par le gouvernement), voilà ce qu'économiserait le gouvernement du Canada advenant l'abolition du registre des armes d'épaule. Pas un sou de plus.

Ainsi, les motifs de gaspillage invoqués par le gouvernement et le lobby des armes à feu relativement au projet de loi C-391 ne sont que pure démagogie. La mauvaise gestion ayant mené au gaspillage de plusieurs centaines de millions de dollars, que j'ai aussi dénoncée, a eu lieu lors de la mise en place du registre et n'a plus cours.