

Keep federal gun registry: T.O. police chief

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Toronto's top cop doesn't want the federal government to kill the gun registry. The federal government yesterday tabled a bill calling for the end of the national long-gun registry.

It's the Conservative's third attempt to erase the controversial record-keeping system.

Police Chief Bill Blair said yesterday he doesn't want the registry scraped. "I think we as a society have to do everything we can to limit the access that any criminal can have to a gun," he said Wednesday. "I can tell you the information that is on the gun registry is useful and valuable to the police," Blair added. "We check in Canada that registry thousands of times each and every day."

He said the registry allows police forces to check whether people they're dealing with have access to firearms. "I have to tell you, I support the gun registry," Blair said.

He said the registry should be run efficiently but the record-keeping system "helps keep our police officers safe when they're doing their job, it keeps our communities safe."