

Gun registry vital

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I salute MP Tony Martin for "sticking to his guns" and not supporting the Conservative private member's Bill C391. As a recently retired OPP officer and also a previous member of the Chief Firearms Office, I can give many examples supporting the need to retain the "registry" for public safety reasons. Many have over exaggerated the cost of the registry and unfortunately fail to really understand how vital the registry is to the enforcement of the Firearms Act as a whole. The Conservatives have done their best to discredit and destroy the Act, while at the same time confusing the public and the enforcement community with their amnesty program. It is imperative that a name be assigned to each firearm in order to help the enforcement community do their jobs, and that is to protect the public and other enforcement officers. It is also imperative that the Conservative government start taking gun ownership seriously.

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