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**VAST MAJORITY OF POLICE CALLING FOR END OF LONG-GUN
REGISTRY**

**MP Hooppner Says Survey Contradicts CACP'S Claim that Police
Support Maintaining the Registry**

Morden, MB – Candice Hooppner, Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar, responded today to a survey of Canadian police officers on the long-gun registry revealing that the vast majority of police officers are calling for the end of the long-gun registry.

“This survey proves what I have been saying all along – that the CACP and the CPA do not, as they claim, speak for Canadian police officers on this issue,” said Candice Hooppner. “As I have met with police chiefs and front-line officers this past year, I have repeatedly said that police support for maintaining the long-gun registry is far from unanimous; in fact, it seems that the opposite is true - police support to end the registry is overwhelming!”

Edmonton police officer Randy Kuntz's national survey of Canadian police officers revealed that 92 percent of police officers in Canada want Members of Parliament to vote in favour of scrapping the long-gun registry. 2,631 officers responded to the survey in a police magazine asking officers whether they supported the registry as a useful working tool. 2,410 officers responded that the registry is a useless crime fighting tool that did not assist them in the performance of their duties.

“Canadian Police Association President Charles Momy appeared at committee this spring and referred to a survey demonstrating police support for the long-gun registry – a survey that he admitted involved just 400 officers,” Hooppner commented. “This new survey involved over 2600 officers and strongly contradicts Mr. Momy's position. It seems obvious that a survey sample of 2600 is far more reliable than a survey of 400.”

Hooppner commented that both the CACP's and CPA's defense of the long-gun registry is based on the notion that police officers use it and want it, while Kuntz's survey shows that simply isn't true.

“Front-line officers – the constables and sergeants in the field - are throwing their

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support behind Bill C-391, while individuals like Mr. Momy and Chief Blair continue to defend a useless and unreliable gun database,” Hoepfner continued. “It begs the question: ‘Exactly who are they speaking for?’”

“This survey just shows again that it’s high time to put an end to the long-gun registry – it has not made Canadians safer, it is not a reliable tool for police, and it does not make sense to continue to pay for it,” concluded Hoepfner.

In June, the Opposition-dominated Public Safety Committee passed a motion calling for Hoepfner’s bill to be defeated. That vote will take place in the House of Commons on September 22nd.

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