



**Press Release**  
**September 22, 2010**

**RE: Motion to Defeat Private Members Bill C-391**

We are deeply disappointed that the opposition has voted to continue with the exorbitant waste of resources by voting down Bill C-391.

This bill would have amended the confusing Firearms Act introduced by the Liberal Government in December of 1998, by removing the requirement to register millions of common rifles and shotguns. Public safety would not have been compromised.

"The police chiefs who lobbied so hard to keep the registry have admitted they themselves don't trust the database results," says Tony Bernardo, Executive Director of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action (CIL). "We tried hard to win this by telling the truth, but we were obviously no match for the various police chiefs association and agencies who were duped into believing the registry saves lives.

"Unfortunately, certain members of the media tagged along and perpetuated the myths without regard for fact-checking or old-fashioned research," he adds. "An investigation by any Journalism 101 class would reveal the blatant collusion between the anti-gun lobby and certain journalists."

"There is no empirical evidence that the registry has prevented or solved any crimes," stated Larry Whitmore, Executive Director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association. "While the police claim to consult the Canadian Firearms Centre database thousands of times per day, virtually all the information they request is available to them through the Firearms Licensing provisions. The registry is totally redundant and immorally expensive."

The dissolution of the registry would have freed up scarce resources to combat the ever increasing flow of illegal guns from across our borders. It is estimated that over 85% of the guns used in crime are smuggled in by drug gangs. This is where the police and government should concentrate their efforts and not waste time and resources regulating law abiding Canadians.

"Bill C-391 would have been good first step towards bringing sanity to Canada's firearms control system, says Bernardo. "Canadians deserve simple, cost-effective firearms legislation that achieves verifiable public safety goals. Unfortunately, the opposition MPs thought otherwise and we have no doubt their constituents will punish them in the next election."

For more information, contact:

Larry Whitmore  
Executive Director  
Canadian Shooting Sports Association  
Ph: 1-888-873-4339  
Direct line: 519-254-7744  
Email: [l.whitmore@cdnshootingsports.org](mailto:l.whitmore@cdnshootingsports.org)

Tony Bernardo  
Executive Director  
Canadian Institute for Legislative Action  
Ph: 1-888-873-4339  
Direct Line: 905-571-2150  
Email: [abernardo343@rogers.com](mailto:abernardo343@rogers.com)

-30-