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## **Conservative Government Takes Action to Eliminate the Ineffective Long-gun registry**

OTTAWA – Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, says the immediate changes to the Canadian Firearms Program will finally end the waste of taxpayer's money on a program that never delivered. Canadians want effective gun control, not bureaucratic waste.

“This is a government that keeps its’ promises. We are focusing on public safety, reducing crime and effective firearms control, not punishing responsible long-gun owners,” said Thompson.

The Government has made the following immediate changes:

- transferring responsibility for the Firearms Act and regulations to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), taking over from the former Canada Firearms Centre;
- reduce the annual operating budget for the program by \$10 million;
- implementing licence renewal fee waivers and refunds;
- eliminating physical verification of non-restricted firearms; and
- introducing a one-year amnesty to protect previously-licensed owners of non-restricted firearms from prosecution and to encourage them to comply with the law as it currently stands.

“With the hard work of the Auditor General, her report this week showed us all what law abiding Canadians have known all along. The Federal long-gun registry was a monumental failure,” stated Thompson. “Billions of dollars have been wasted and our streets and communities are still plagued with gun violence.”

“In the context of this minority Parliament, totally repealing the long-gun registry will take some time. We will introduce a bill to end the registration requirement for long guns. However, it will require Parliament’s approval to become law,” concluded Thompson.

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