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**PIERRE LEMIEUX TRAVELS TO PEI TO ENCOURAGE LIBERAL MP WAYNE  
EASTER TO END THE LONG GUN REGISTRY**

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**OTTAWA** – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MP Pierre Lemieux travelled to Malpeque on Prince-Edward-Island to persuade Liberal MP Wayne Easter to continue supporting a Private Member’s Bill aimed at ending the controversial long gun registry. Being MP, Mr Lemieux knows that the people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, particularly farmers, want the long gun registry to end.

Mr Lemieux explained, “The final vote is going to be very close and every vote is critical”. Liberal MP Wayne Easter first voted to end the long gun registry, but now he has stated that he will vote to keep the long gun registry because Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is forcing his MPs to vote to keep the long gun registry. Mr Lemieux stated, “I went to PEI to encourage Mr Easter to follow through and to continue representing his rural constituents by voting to end the long gun registry. I know that the farmers and hunters in my riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell have wanted the long gun registry to end since its creation, and Mr Easter’s vote is needed”.

Mr Lemieux attended two events and spoke to over 100 Islanders, including the PEI Outfitters Association. Mr. Lemieux was also interviewed by local print and broadcast media.

Mr. Lemieux highlighted that the initial Liberal projection of the long gun registry costing only \$2 Million has ballooned to \$2 Billion. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation has calculated that it costs taxpayers more than \$100 Million per year for the gun registry to be enforced at all levels of government.

Regarding its effectiveness, Mr Lemieux stated, “The long gun registry does not stop crime, it does not prevent crime and it does not crack down on crime. Instead, it unfairly targets law abiding Canadian gun owners, including hard-working farmers and hunters, rather than criminals – and it is well known that criminals do not register their guns.”



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Auditor General Sheila Fraser, in her 2006 report, highlighted that the long gun registry is ineffective at reducing crime. In addition, in a police survey conducted by experienced police officer Randy Kuntz in Edmonton, 2400 out of 2600 front line police officers (over 90%) responded that the long gun registry is not useful in their fight against crime and that the long gun registry should end.

The Long Gun Registry has been criticized for its cost, its unfair treatment of law-abiding gun owners and its inability to reduce gun-related crimes by a wide range of specialists and commentators. Liberal MP Wayne Easter, the Liberal agriculture critic, who previously voted in favour of the abolition of the long gun registry, recently declared that he would side with his leader Michael Ignatieff instead of his constituents and vote to keep the gun registry. This reversal does not sit well with Malpeque resident and President of the PEI Outfitters Association, Robert Montgomery: "It's strictly along party lines, and (Easter) certainly flip-flopped over on us... that's one of the problems with government today," Montgomery said. "Everyone knows the registry isn't working. Even some of the police chiefs here on the Island, in secret, will admit that it's not working." Other police chiefs from Ontario, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia have also spoken out against the long gun registry.

"I think that rural Canadians are alarmed that rural Liberal MPs may abandon them on this very important matter. We need to send a clear message to the eight Liberal and twelve NDP MPs, who have already voted once to end the long gun registry, that they need to need do so again one more time," Lemieux concluded.

Members are set to vote on the long gun registry on September 22, two days after the House returns.

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