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Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act Passes Vote in Senate Bill C-19 to Become Law

Ottawa, ON –Candice Hoepfner, Member of Parliament for Portage-Lisgar and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety, celebrated the passage at third reading in the Senate of Bill C-19, the *Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act*. The Senate voted 50 to 27 to pass this Bill, including three Liberals who broke rank with their party to support law-abiding hunters, farmers and sport shooters.

“It has been a long and hard-fought battle and I am so excited to see the long-gun registry go,” said Hoepfner. “The Senate vote was the final hurdle Bill C-19 needed to pass before becoming law. I am certain that hunters, farmers and sport shooters across Canada all breathed a sigh of relief following the announcement that Bill C-19 cleared the Senate and will now become law.”

For seventeen years, the long-gun registry has plagued law-abiding gun owners. The registry was imposed by the previous Liberal government and required all Canadians to register their hunting rifles and shotguns. Since being implemented it has proven to be wasteful and ineffective, as well as not stopping a single crime.

The passing of Bill C-19 is a hard-fought victory for Hoepfner. Growing up in rural Manitoba, Ms. Hoepfner learned to respect firearms and recognize that the danger they pose resides with the individual, not with the firearm. MP Hoepfner has been advocating for the long-gun registry’s end since she first became elected in 2008. She moved forward knowing that the reality that the long-gun registry does not prevent criminals from misusing a firearm.

Instead, Hoepfner worked for the law-abiding gun-owners who were criminalized for owning a firearm. She introduced her Private Members Bill C-391 to end the requirement for individuals to register their long guns and toured the country to speak with Canadians from coast to coast. Her campaign was nearly successful, as Bill C-391 was voted down with a margin of two votes because Opposition MP’s chose to vote against the will of their constituents.

“Canadians gave our government a strong mandate to end the long-gun registry,” said Hoepfner. “The long-gun registry does not keep guns out of the hands of criminals, instead it targets law-abiding Canadians. Our Government and Conservative MP’s have worked hard to ensure this important victory for farmers, hunters and sport shooters across Canada. I am thrilled to see it finally reach completion.” concluded Hoepfner.

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The *Ending the Long-gun Registry Act* removes the requirement to register non-restricted firearms (long-guns). It will also provide for the destruction of all records pertaining to the registration of long-guns in the Canadian Firearms Registry and under the control of the chief firearms officers.

Firearms owners who wish to acquire a firearm or ammunition are still required to have their criminal record regarded by the issuer of the licence, pass a firearms safety course and comply with all firearms safe storage and transportation requirements. Those who own firearms will still require a valid firearms licence, and to register prohibited and restricted firearms, such as handguns.

The *Ending the Long-gun Registry Act* will become law this afternoon when it receives Royal Assent.

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