



# Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Media Release

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## **ABOLISHMENT OF THE LONG GUN REGISTRY RIGHT ON TARGET**

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) is very pleased with the introduction today of legislation by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to abolish the ill conceived long gun registry.

“This federal legislation will finally put an end to this ill conceived and controversial program that never fulfilled its mandate of reducing crime and increasing public safety and cost Canadian taxpayers over \$2 billion. Furthermore, Bill C-68, created by the previous Liberal government, only succeeded in creating a divisive issue between various jurisdictions within Canada and rural and urban Canadians” said Robert Fournier, SWF President.

Bill C-68 has focused on law abiding firearms owners, hunters, farmers and recreational sport shooters instead of targeting criminals and prohibited offenders who threaten the public safety, and ignores the reality that criminals don't register firearms.

The SWF would like to congratulate Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Federal Conservative Party for fulfilling their commitment to Canadians to scrap the long gun registry. The SWF would also like to acknowledge the many years of exceptional work by Saskatchewan MP Gary Breitkreuz and more recently, Manitoba MP Candice Hoepfner in the battle to repeal this onerous legislation.

“We look forward to working with the Federal Government in correcting other contentious issues within the Federal Firearm Legislation and support for identifying more effective means of addressing gun crime” adds Fournier.

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation represents over 30,000 members in 120 communities across Saskatchewan and is, per capita, the largest wildlife conservation organization of its kind in the world.

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