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**MP HOEPPNER'S BILL TO END LONG-GUN REGISTRY PASSES
VOTE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS
MP Pleased Bill C-391 Will Advance**

Ottawa, Ontario – MP Candice Hoepfner's Private Member's Bill to end the long-gun registry passed an important vote today in the House of Commons.

"I am very pleased at the result of today's vote on Bill C-391," said Hoepfner, Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar. "Today Members of Parliament stood up for Canadians and insisted that they would no longer support the wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry."

The bill to end the long-gun registry needed the support of Opposition MPs in today's vote in order to progress. Several NDP and Liberal Members supported the MP's bill and joined the Conservative caucus in passing Bill C-391.

"While the Liberal Leader and the Leader of the NDP made it clear that they support this waste of taxpayers' money, some Opposition MPs decided that they would instead represent their constituents, and I am grateful for their support of my bill," Hoepfner stated. "I also thank Garry Breitkreuz for his contribution to today's result through his tireless commitment and dedication to this issue," Hoepfner added.

Hoepfner noted that the long-gun registry did not crack down on criminals as the Liberals promised when they enacted the registry; instead it harassed hard-working farmers, hunters and sports shooters.

Bill C-391 now proceeds to committee in Public Safety for further study.

"Today's vote is a victory against government waste and mismanagement; it is a victory for law-abiding long-gun owners," said Hoepfner. "I look forward to continuing to advance this bill at the committee stage," Hoepfner concluded.

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