



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

**HARPER GOVERNMENT VOTES TO END THE LONG-GUN REGISTRY**

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OTTAWA — Today, the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification and Member of Parliament for Blackstrap, voted in favour of the *Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act* at 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House of Commons. Bill C-19 will now proceed to the Senate where it will be debated and voted on before receiving Royal Assent.

“Since it was created, the long-gun registry has wasted taxpayers’ dollars,” said Minister Lynne Yelich. “This money should be used to crack down on real criminals, not law-abiding farmers and hunters”.

The Harper Government stands with law-abiding farmers, duck hunters and rural Canadians in every region of the country. The Long-gun Registry needlessly and unfairly targets law-abiding Canadians while doing nothing to reduce crime or strengthen our efforts to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

“Our Government received a strong mandate from Canadians to scrap the long-gun registry and now we are one step closer to getting the job done”, concluded Yelich.

The Harper Government will continue to take action to make Canadian streets and communities safer by getting tough on real criminals and not law-abiding farmers and hunters.

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