

**QUOTES FROM CANDICE HOEPPNER** (May – June 2010)  
**DEMOCRACY and RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE'S CONSTITUENTS**  
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Ms. Hoepfner agrees the NDP is the key to her bill's survival. *"The only way it won't be killed is if I get some NDP support,"* she said on Thursday ... Ms. Hoepfner acknowledged she launched the bill as a private member as a tactical measure: It has a better chance of passing because of free votes allowed on private member's bills.

**National Post, June 4, 2010.**

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/controls+registry+fate/3115269/story.html>

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... **Candice Hoepfner**, the Manitoba Conservative MP behind the bill to abolish the registry, sent out letters to individual homes in the riding of PEI MP Wayne Easter ... *"Dear Friend," her letter begins. "Does your Liberal MP stand up for what you believe in?"* ... It seems the Liberal Leader is whipping the vote, she explains, and the voices of the eight MPs no longer count as he is *"forcing them to support the long-gun registry."* So what to do? She asks the constituents to contact their Liberal MP and *"encourage him to stand up against Michael Ignatieff's attempts to force him to vote against your interests."*

**Globe and Mail, May 12, 2010.** "Tories bend rules on partisan mail to blast gun registry",

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-notebook/tories-bend-rules-on-partisan-mail-to-blast-gun-registry/article1565897/>

*"Last Monday, much to the dismay of some of his caucus members, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff said he would whip the vote and prevent Liberal MPs from voting to represent their constituents' wishes when the bill returns to the House for Final Reading.... It all sends a clear message that the Ignatieff Liberals and their coalition partners ... don't care much for democracy ... MPs need to remember that at the end of the day, we came here for a reason – to represent our constituents. Liberal MPs who supported ending the long-gun registry last November need to now stand up to their leader and stand up for their constituents. Their voters deserve nothing less."*

**The Mark, May 10, 2010.** "Blasting Bad Democracy. The Liberals are using undemocratic tactics to save Canada's wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry" By **Candice Hoepfner**, MP Portage-Lisgar.

<http://www.themarknews.com/articles/1450-blasting-bad-democracy>

*"Twelve NDP and eight Liberal Members of Parliament supported my bill at second reading. The question remains – what will those MPs do when it once again comes time to vote on this in the House?"*

Hoepfner continued. *"Will they tow the party line and vote to keep the registry, or do the right thing, listen to their constituents, and vote to scrap the registry?"*

**Candice Hoepfner**, Press Release, **June 3, 2010.**

[http://candicehoepfner.com/pg\\_news/details.asp?ID=159](http://candicehoepfner.com/pg_news/details.asp?ID=159)

Hoepfner and the Conservatives argue NDP and Liberal MPs who vote to keep the gun registry will be defeated in the next election. *"MPs will be held accountable by their constituents,"* Hoepfner said.

Edmonton Journal, **June 4, 2010.** "Future of gun registry is in Layton's hands",

[http://www.edmontonjournal.com/mobile/story.html?id=3109848&utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.edmontonjournal.com/mobile/story.html?id=3109848&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

*"No more political games by members ... the constituents deserve better."*

**Candice Hoepfner**, quoted in the **Globe and Mail**, Ottawa Notebook Column, **June 8, 2010.** "Liberals aim to put a bullet in bill to scrap gun registry". <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-notebook/liberals-aim-to-put-a-bullet-in-bill-to-scrap-gun-registry/article1596013/>