



SENATOR PRATTE AND SENATOR PLETT DEBATE ATT AMENDMENTS IN BILL C-71
E-mail exchange reveal lawful gun owners are the real targets of Bill C-71 – not crime guns and gangs
By Dennis R. Young – January 25, 2019

It all started when I sent an e-mail to all Senators with these latest statistics released by the RCMP:

From: Dennis R Young <dennisyoung@telus.net>
Sent: January 25, 2019 11:25 AM
To: All Senators, All Alberta MPs, Andrew Sheer and Maxime Bernier

TEN YEARS OF RCMP FIREARMS AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSPORT (ATT) STATISTICS
RCMP ATIP Response dated January 16, 2019 – Received by Dennis R. Young January 22, 2019

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/01/22/ten-years-of-rcmp-authorization-to-transport-att-statistics/>

- Total ATTs Issued for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 992,139
- Total ATTs Refused for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 17
- Total ATTs Revoked for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 471

ONTARIO CFO COSTS OF PROCESSING & ISSUING ONE ATT IN 2017 = \$2.16

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/09/14/no-evidence-to-support-bill-c-71-att-amendments/>

Senator André Pratte sent me this 'Reply-All' e-mail in response:

Note: Senator André Pratte, is Senate sponsor of Bill C-71.

From: Pratte, Andre <Andre.Pratte@sen.parl.gc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Dennis R Young <dennisyoung@telus.net>

Mr. Young,

Thank you for your e-mail and your work on this issue.

Allow me to outline the fact that approx. 95% of the ATTs that were issued in the past were for going home from the retailer and for transporting to a shooting range. Post 2015, these have been automatically issued with the gun license; that will not change if Bill C-71 is adopted.

Enjoy the weekend,

André

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Senator Don Plett's office sent me this 'Reply-All' e-mail in response to Senator Pratte:

From: Dockstader, Craig1: SEN < Craig1.Dockstader@sen.parl.gc.ca > On Behalf Of Plett, Donald
Sent: January 25, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Pratte, Andre < Andre.Pratte@sen.parl.gc.ca > Dennis R Young < dennisryoung@telus.net >

Mr. Young,

Senator Pratte has just pointed out the absurdity of the decision to remove automatic authorizations to transport (ATTs) for going to a gun show, a gunsmith, or a border crossing point.

Senator Pratte's point was first made by Mr. Rob O'Reilly, Director, Firearms Regulatory Services, Canadian Firearms Program, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in his testimony before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security on May 8, 2018. Mr. O'Reilly noted that, in 2015 (before automatic ATTs were put in place), the RCMP "issued approximately 143,000 authorizations to transport, and 96.5% of those were for the two purposes that remain under Bill C-71. We had approximately 250 ATTs issued for going to a gun show and 131 issued for going to a gunsmith...".

So there you have it. The Liberal government is going to fight gun crime by removing the ability of licensed, law-abiding gun owners to transport their restricted or prohibited firearms without special permission in about 400 cases per year out of 143,000. I feel safer already.

What Senator Pratte and the Liberal government are suggesting is that when an officer stops a vehicle which is transporting a restricted or prohibited firearm, that after confirming that the driver has a valid gun license, the license is valid and has not expired, they have the license on their person, the firearm is properly locked, unloaded and being transported in a locked case, they are traveling to an authorized destination, and are traveling by a reasonably direct route – that the police officer may still uncertain whether the firearm is being transported for a legal purpose. However, if the gun owner had an ATT which was not automatic, but rather was issued that day, then all that uncertainty would be gone.

The absurdity of this is beyond words.

Thank you for your participation in this discussion.

Sincerely,

Don Plett, Manitoba Senator

Senator Pratte sent me this 'Reply-All' e-mail in response to Senator Plett:

From: Pratte, Andre < Andre.Pratte@sen.parl.gc.ca >
Sent: January 25, 2019 7:36 PM
To: Plett, Donald < Don.Plett@sen.parl.gc.ca >

Mr. Young,

The ATT regime that was established by the previous government allowed a gun owner to transport his/her restricted or prohibited firearm pretty much anywhere with no way to verify whether it was for a legitimate purpose or not. Bill C-71 restricts this significantly, as the police forces recommended, while allowing sport shooters to transport their firearm to any shooting range. It is a good compromise. If the government had done otherwise - i.e. required single-use ATTs for the shooting ranges, as existed before 2015, the Honourable Senator Plett would have been the first to denounce such a policy.

Bill C-71 contains reasonable, pragmatic measures that will strengthen our gun control regime while having little, if any, impact on law-abiding firearm owners.

I will remind you that it was a Conservative government that introduced bill C-17 in the early 1990s, a bill which contained a large part of today's gun control regime.

The reality is that a majority of Canadians agree with such a regime. It is part of what makes Canada different from our neighbours to the South.

Thank you, Mr. Young, for your important contributions to this debate.

Best regards,

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Here is an important follow-up comment posted on my website:

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/22/ten-years-of-rcmp-authorization-to-transport-att-statistics/#comments>

- 1) The "crimes" related to ATT's are SO serious that no charges/convictions are tracked (if indeed there are any) to monitor the effectiveness of the ATT policy/program.
- 2) The revocation of an average of 47 ATT's each year is not qualified. I'd be willing to bet most are for PAL holders whose club memberships have lapsed (required in many provinces to have an ATT and RPAL), rather than for a more serious reason, but again we can't know since no charges are tracked, let alone correlated with ATT revocations.
- 3) Millions spent to uphold the bureaucracy of the ATT system that does absolutely nothing to address crimes of any kind, but merely inconveniences law abiding firearms owners and subjects them to serious criminal charges for victimless crimes should they make an innocent mistake (e.g. forget their wallet at home on the way to the range).

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"GET OUR PALs OFF OF CPIC"

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/why-are-law-abiding-firearms-owners-on-cpic/>

TARGETING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS

PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE? We residents of Canada call on the Government to pass a motion making it mandatory for judges when imposing a firearms prohibition order, as part of a criminal sentence, a protection order or restraining order, also make it mandatory for these persons to report any change of address to police and this information be made available to police in a database on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre). By Dennis R. Young - November 9, 2018

<https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live>

WHAT GOODALE'S 'GUNS AND GANGS SUMMIT' MISSED ALL TOGETHER

- Little real evidence that Canada's gun control programs are working
- No Value-for-Money Audits - No Cost/Effectiveness Evaluations in the last 25 years!

By Dennis R. Young – March 20, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/03/20/3936/>

LIBERAL'S GUN CONTROL REGIME STILL MISSING THE REAL TARGET!

Laws control law-abiding gun owners but those too dangerous to own firearms, not so much.

By Dennis R. Young – March 6, 2017

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2017/03/10/liberals-gun-control-regime-still-missing-the-real-target/>

CANADA FREE PRESS: WHAT DO THE LIBERAL'S MEAN WHEN THEY SAY EVIDENCE-BASED' GUN CONTROL POLICIES?

Canada's Gun Control Regime (C-17 & C-68) Implemented 'Despite the Absence of Precise Data'

By Dennis R. Young — Bio and Archives - May 25, 2017

<http://canadafreepress.com/article/what-do-the-liberals-mean-when-they-say-evidence-based-gun-control-policies>

HOW THE FIREARMS ACT (BILL-68) VIOLATES THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Study directed by: Dr. F.L. (Ted) Morton, University of Calgary. Research costs funded by: The Responsible Firearm Owners Coalition of British Columbia, The Responsible Firearm Owners of Alberta and The Recreational Firearms Community of Saskatchewan First Presented in Saskatoon, SK – October 5, 2002

<http://www.lowe.ca/Rick/FirearmsLegislation/charterViolations.htm>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/09/03/firearms-act-bill-68-violates-charter-rights-freedoms/>

STEPHEN HARPER ON BILL C-68 - JANUARY 19, 2002

EXCERPT: I was and still am in total agreement with the statement made in the House of Commons by former Reform Leader Preston Manning on June, 13, 1995. As Leader of the Official Opposition I will use all the powers afforded to me as Leader and continue our party's fight to repeal Bill C-68 and replace it with a firearms control system that is cost effective and respects the rights of Canadians to own and use firearms responsibly.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Stephen-Harper-on-Bill-C-68.pdf>

PRESTON MANNING ON BILL C-68 - JUNE 13, 1995

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